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TWO SPEECHES.

THE FRATERNITY PARTY WELCOME.

RUSSIAN QUESTION.

In his speech of welcome to the guests, the fraternity party of Chinese merchants from Hongkong, Dr. C. C. Wu dealt mostly with questions concerning the municipality. He reviewed the work done since its reorganisation, six months ago, and gave a clear explanation of the municipal action in regard to the charitable institutions, which, he said, had relapsed into a state of lethargy and corruption which required immediate reforms in administration. That it was the intention of the Municipal Government to seize the holdings of the charitable institutions was an idea totally foreign to officers of the Government. The real intention of the Government was to arouse the people to take more interest in public affairs of this kind and not to allow them to fall into the hands of unscrupulous people.

GOVERNMENT DEFENDED.

The lengthy speech by Mr. Wang Ching-wai was in the form of a succinct statement of the events which have happened since the Revolution, the causes of those events which led to such calamitous results in Kwangtung, together with the measures which were decided upon and were being silently carried out before the death of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The latter part of his address was devoted to the measures taken to free Kwangtung from the baneful clutches of militarism, with the hope of eventually freeing the whole country of this curse. He defended the policy of the Government, saying that in securing the co-operation of the people it is doing the right thing in order to effect the necessary reforms; that the agitation among labourers and farmers represented the voice of the Chinese people for an annulment of all unequal treaties, and for the restoration of Customs autonomy, such agitation being for the benefit of the whole of the Chinese people, and in no wise conflicting with the interests of merchants; that the resources and productivity of China have been reduced to a state bordering upon national bankruptcy, and that the Government is left with no other alternative but to save and protect the lives and properties of the people; and that to be on the most friendly terms with the Soviet Government was the natural outcome between two nations on an equal footing with the same aspirations and ideals. In this connection he said it was a mistaken idea on the part of those who are unacquainted with the inner workings of the Government that M. Borodin is assisting the revolutionary cause or was employed in any other capacity than that of an adviser, for although he had a seat on the Council of the Committee of Political Affairs, he had no voting power, and, therefore, there was no likelihood of his ever getting the power of the Government into his hands.

Other speeches of a formal nature followed, and the reception came to a close at 9.20 p.m. The guests, on leaving, thanked the ladies specially for the honour they had conferred upon them by

THE MURDER TRIAL.

CASE NEARING THE END.

In the case, continued before the Chief Justice at the Criminal Sessions in which Shing Wai-tat is charged with the murder of an Indian constable in escaping from the latter's custody after arrest for alleged wood-cutting on the hillside at Ngau Shi Wan, the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C.) commenced his cross-examination of the accused this morning.

Accused was questioned in respect of a number of documents in the matter of the mortgaging of a parcel of land belonging to him in the New Territories, and stated that he was "pressed for payment of the loan, but not threatened with legal proceedings. Coming nearer to his point, the accused was led by Mr. Kemp, through a series of questions, to mention the trees from which he obtained his implements for fishing. His fishing operation was performed by means of spearing and netting. Two of these poles were fashioned from lai wood obtained from relatives at Yau-mat, and the smallest was made from fir.

The Attorney-General—I say you were stealing trees on the hill side on the 8th July.—No; I did not steal.

Did you want those trees for your fishing net by any chance?—There are no trees of the required length for me to fashion the poles for my net.

But you can lash them together?—Impossible.

How long were your poles?—2.8 cheung. (A cheung is 28 feet).

Accused was then questioned in regard to a piece of land situated behind his house, which he rented from the Government. He wanted this land for the purpose of agriculture, and not with the particular object of cutting wood from it. He had first to develop the land and sometimes he cut grass and fuel from it. He used both this wood and grass for fuel.

The Attorney-General—This piece of ground has grass?—Yes.

Has it any trees on it?—There are small firs on it, of not very great height. In fact, I wanted the piece of ground to plant bamboos.

Of what height are the firs?—Of the height of a man.

In reply to another question, accused admitted that he had not yet paid the Crown rent, and the Land Officer was wanting him to sign a document returning it to the Government. He was still using the land, however.

You know people who do illegally cut trees in the Government plantations?—No, I have never seen them.

But you have heard of them?—Sometimes I had heard of somebody who did cut trees.

Accused was here questioned in regard to certain dates in the case and contradicted a date he previously gave.

The Attorney General remarked:—Not only your memory has improved, but your defence has improved also.

Later the accused said that on learning that his wife and son had been taken into custody, he was so upset and confused that he did not know exactly on what date he was taken to the Yau-mat Police Station.

But you knew enough to invent a deliberate lie against Li Tai and her husband?

Accused replied that he did not know what statement he did make in regard to those persons.

The Attorney General put it to the accused that his absorbing thought at the time was:—"They have got me now. I am going to involve Li Tai and her husband also."

Accused:—Yes, I was so angry and I could not draw my breath, so I made the statement to involve them.

The Attorney General:—And

STRUCK REEF.

CITY OF BARODA'S XMAS MISHAP.

VESSEL SAFE.

A Christmas morning adventure which few of them would care to repeat befell passengers on the s.s. City of Baroda which left Hongkong for Cebu and Singapore on December 14th. Brief news to the effect that the vessel had struck a reef somewhere in the neighbourhood of Borneo reached the Colony yesterday, but the complete story was brought this morning with the arrival of the s.s. Fooksang.

The Fooksang picked up a wireless message from the City of Baroda at 02.08 hours Greenwich Mean Time, approximately ten o'clock in the morning, stating that the vessel had struck a reef in the North Laccadia shoals, and asking for assistance. The message added that she was on a two fathom patch off the Sea Horse breakers.

About an hour and a half later it was apparent that there was no immediate danger, since a second message was received referring to the fact that the call had been picked up by the City of Lincoln and the assistance of the Fooksang was not required.

Later in the day, approximately 6.30 p.m. the Baroda wireless the Lincoln through the s.s. Fooksang that she had floated off the reef, that her pumps were keeping the leakage under control and that she was proceeding to Singapore at half-speed. She informed the City of Lincoln that no assistance was required.

Passengers on the City of Baroda included a number of Army officers and their families from Hongkong and Tientsin. A few were destined for India, whilst others were on their way home. The Baroda is commanded by Capt. Haughton and she is a vessel of 4,500 tons gross.

The Fooksang states that bad weather was experienced on the whole trip from Singapore to Hongkong. At the commencement they were battling with a strong monsoon, which moderated later, but increased to gale force with heavy seas near the China Coast.

time that you made this statement?

POLICE IN TEARS.

Accused replied that when he showed his arms to the police officers they were completely overcome with emotion. Tears coursed down their cheeks and they cried in sympathy for him.

The accused was then examined as to his professed knowledge of fungshui. He said he had read of this fungshui, but admitted that he had not delved into it deeply by concentrated study of any of the books written on the subject by recognised authorities or professors. His speciality was in the selection of the most suitable site for a grave, and as regards the direction which the grave should face he had to bring in the aid of a schoolmaster friend, who, although an expert in his line, had nevertheless to concede that he (accused) was the better of the two in the choice of location of the grave.

Accused said he did not practice professionally in this science, and did it only for personal friends. Shown a geomancer's compass (a compass with astrological significance and directions on its dial) accused said he did not understand it. His friend the schoolmaster, did, however.

The Attorney General:—So you do not profess to be a great expert.

Accused insisted that he was

NORTHERN WAR.

RUSSIANS IN KUOMINCHUN ARMY.

Tsingtao, Dec. 28.

An official dispatch from Tsinan declares that Shantung troops have effected a junction with Li Ching-lin's forces. The former captured on Kuominchun prisoners a large number of rifles bearing the initials "U.S.S.R. 1925," and hundreds of Russians were seen in the Kuominchun Divisions.—*Reuter.*

Peking, Dec. 29.

A consular telegram states that Li Ching-lin and party arrived at Tsingtao on Monday morning and left for Tsinan immediately. Chang Tsun-chang has recalled Pi Shou-chen to Tsinan from Tsingtao, and it is expected that a conference will be held there to determine the future attitude vis-a-vis the Kuominchun. It is stated that rolling stock is being concentrated at Tsinan in case of emergency.—*Reuter.*

SEDITIONARY LEAFLETS.

TWO CHINESE YOUTHS FINED.

Two Chinese youths were severely admonished at the Central Magistracy this morning by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, when they were summoned for being in possession of seditious pamphlets. One of the defendants arrived in the Colony from Macao, and the other was leaving for that place.

"You have been found to be in possession of documents which are undoubtedly seditious," said Mr. Lindsell, "and you have got to understand that this sort of seditious nonsense is composed merely by people for their own ends, to try and keep alive bad feeling between England and China. It is not for the benefit of China, but for their own benefit. People in Hongkong, who live under the protection of Great Britain, should pay no attention to such nonsense. They should treat it with the contempt it deserves. Now you two have been stupid enough to each have a copy of this pamphlet on your persons. I am prepared to believe that your action was due rather to foolishness than to deliberate criminal intention. I hope you will not err again in the same way."

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 on each defendant.

ROBBERS' RAID.

ONE MAN SHOT.

An expedition into British territory by four robbers near Sha Tau Kok, on Monday, had a disastrous ending, one being shot dead, two being arrested, and the fourth escaping.

Official details are not yet available, but it appears that the four men robbed some women, and were pursued by village scouts, with the result stated above.

Of the two arrested, one was a Chinese soldier, and the other a joss-stick maker. It is not yet known who the other two are.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

WASHINGTON AGREEMENT ENDORSED.

Berlin, Dec. 29.

Subject to ratification by the Reichstag, the German Government has endorsed the Washington Agreement of February 6, 1922, concerning the principles of policy to be followed in Chinese affairs.—*Reuter.*

RHINE OCCUPATION.

NEW EVACUATION PLAN.

Berlin, Dec. 29.

The British will officially take over Wiesbaden from the French tomorrow. According to the newspapers the Anglo-French authorities have evolved a plan of evacuation under which only two French Army Corps

NEW TAXES.

FRENCH BUDGET PLAN OUTLINED.

BUSINESS LEVY.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The Ministerial Council has reached an agreement, and M. Doumer has been authorised to table his financial proposals in the Chamber.

M. Doumer estimates a deficit in the 1926 Budget of nine thousand million francs, including 2,500 million for amortisation of the public debt and two thousand million for repayment of the Bank of France's advances to the Treasury. M. Doumer proposes to meet the deficit by a special tax of one twentieth per cent. on all business payments, estimated to produce 3,800 million francs, by applying the increases of income tax voted on Dec. 4th to the Budget instead of reabsorption of inflation, estimated to produce three thousand million francs, and by an increase of the tobacco duties, producing one thousand million francs. M. Doumer also hopes to recover three hundred millions from tax evaders, to save two hundred millions out of Government expenditure, to obtain six hundred millions from a tax on exports, and one hundred millions from an increased tax on stock exchange operations.

The new taxes proposed by M. Doumer are indirect taxes. The Radical members of the Cabinet are opposed to an increase in indirect taxation, on the ground that it bears unfairly upon the poor. M. Doumer opines that three milliards of M. Loucheur's taxes, which he is incorporating in the 1926 Budget, will form the high-water mark of direct taxation, and direct taxes cannot be collected quickly, whereas the money is needed immediately. The tax on payments, whereby M. Doumer proposes to obtain nearly fifty per cent. of his estimated Budget deficit of nine milliards, appears to be simply a disguised tax on business turnovers, which was opposed by a Radical, who however agreed to the tax in order to avoid a Cabinet split on the eve of the Parliamentary recess. M. Doumer in exchange promised to introduce a Bill for the reform of direct taxes in conformity with democratic principles, thus meeting the Radical demand for widening the income tax.—*Reuter.*

CRISIS AVERTED.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The Chamber held an all-night sitting to conclude consideration of the Budget. At a meeting of Ministers in the morning, M. Doumer was authorised to lay his financial proposition before the Chamber.

With reference to the reservations made by the Socialist Ministers to the Cabinet, the newspapers publish the declarations of M. Briand, emphasising their importance.

Le Journal states that M. Briand declared that the Ministers who think of resigning will be replaced within 24 hours, adding that the present is not a time for a crisis but for work and sacrifice, and that he considered the abandonment of power as veritable treachery. He added:—"I refuse to permit myself to be overthrown by Lobby intrigues. It is before the Chamber, with the present Ministers or others, that I wish to make my explanations."

The *Ere Nouvelle* says that as probable that Ministerial solidarity will be maintained.

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WOMAN AND OPIUM.

A \$10,000 FINE.

A charge of being in possession of 106 taels of opium was preferred against a Chinese woman at the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, in outlining the case, said

was paid to No. 62, Lower Lascar Road, second floor, and, as the result of a search in the cook house, the opium was found under a loose tile. The defendant was in the kitchen at the time, and she did not hesitate to admit that the opium belonged to her, and was receiving 20 cents per tael for storing it for a man. She had been given opportunities to produce the man, who was a seaman, but he had not appeared. She told them she had children to look after, and very little to eat.

After Revenue Officer Beatty had corroborated the above, Mr. Russ asked him if the cookhouse was for the use of the whole of the tenants, and witness replied in the affirmative.

A Chinese police constable said the defendant admitted, in his presence, that the opium belonged to her. She had also stated that someone brought the opium to her and asked her to keep it for 20 cents per tael.

A police interpreter said that when he charged the defendant, she replied: "The opium is mine." In reply to Mr. Russ, he denied that she said "I know nothing about it." The defendant, in the witness box, said she had been keeping the opium for a man, but did not know it was opium. A man named Chan had been living at the house a few days ago, but he had gone, and had not been found.

Mr. Russ said it was extremely likely that what the woman said was right. It was obvious that she did not own the opium. "That is the worst of these cases," he added, "the more unfortunate people get caught, and the prime movers get away so often."

Mr. Lindsell said he did not believe defendant was the principal, and he was quite prepared to believe what she had told them. She would be fined \$10,000, or nine months.

and dangerous to permit a Ministerial crisis.

According to the *Petit Parisien*, the Ministers of the Cartel will agree to remain in office until the financial question is solved.

In the Chamber, at the last moment, a crisis was averted. All the members of the Cabinet showed a spirit of conciliation. The Government proposals contain new economies, including the immediate improvement of the collection of taxes by the taking of measures against fiscal frauds, a tax on exports, a tax on transactions of the Stock Exchange, an increase in the price of tobacco, and extra and temporary taxes on payments. These proposals will bring in eight milliards eight hundred millions of fresh revenue, balancing the forecasted deficit of four milliards three hundred millions, plus annuities of repayment on the advances of the Banque de France, two milliards, and annuities for the reduction of the public debt, two milliards five hundred millions.

Mr. Doumer will shortly submit a proposal for the reform of direct taxation.

M. Millies Lacroix has been elected President of the Finance Committee of the Senate. He

STRIKE PARLEY.

HONGKONG DELEGATES DEPART.

PEACE HOPES.

A distinct step forward in the negotiations for a settlement of the strike and boycott as between Canton and Hongkong was reached this morning by the departure for Canton of the Chinese merchant delegates. The party, comprises Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, M. K. Lo, Ma Chui-chui, Chan Dien-son, Li Sung-ku, Teo Siu-woon, Li Yew-tong, Chan Pi-chuen, Kong Yi-suen and Tse Shu-tong. They departed by the s.s. Lung Shan.

The delegation is representative of all sections of the commercial community. Preliminary negotiations which have been carried on for some time are said to have reached a stage at which concrete proposals will be submitted, and it is reported that the Canton Government has empowered certain high officials to do their utmost to see that an early settlement is reached.

THE FRATERNITY PARTY.

In accordance with its programme, the fraternity party from Hongkong on the 27th inst., at noon, called on the Committee of the Strike Union at the Eastern Gardens, being introduced by the Government representative, Mr. Kan Kum-shek. On arrival at the headquarters of the Strike Union, three thousand armed pickets were drawn up at the "present" and a military hand played whilst the members of the party were conducted to the reception hall, and introduced to the Chairman and other members of the Strike Committee.

After the usual interchange of courtesies, the party was shown around the premises and observed the various departments of the Union at work. On arriving at the big open space where the pickets were drawn-up, an exhibition was given by the pickets who went through arms drill with much precision. Photographs were then taken as a memento of the occasion. The party then thanked the Chairman, members of the Committee, officers and men for their warm welcome and kind hospitality, and took their leave amidst selections by the band and the presenting of arms by the pickets.

On the same day at 4 o'clock, the party paid a formal call on the representatives of the four Commercial Unions, gathered at the General Chamber of Commerce, and at 6 o'clock the members attended a grand reception by the Canton Government, held at the Hotel Asia, at which Dr. C. C. Wu was the host. The occasion was honoured by the presence of the elder Mrs. Wang, mother of Mr. Wang Ching-wai, Mrs. Wang Ching-wai, Mrs. C. C. Wu and other ladies.

Washington, Dec. 29.

President Coolidge's conversations with various Congressmen has shown a practically unanimous favourable attitude towards American participation at Geneva in a preparatory Commission on disarmament. No objections were made in voting the necessary appropriations for the three experts invited to become the American

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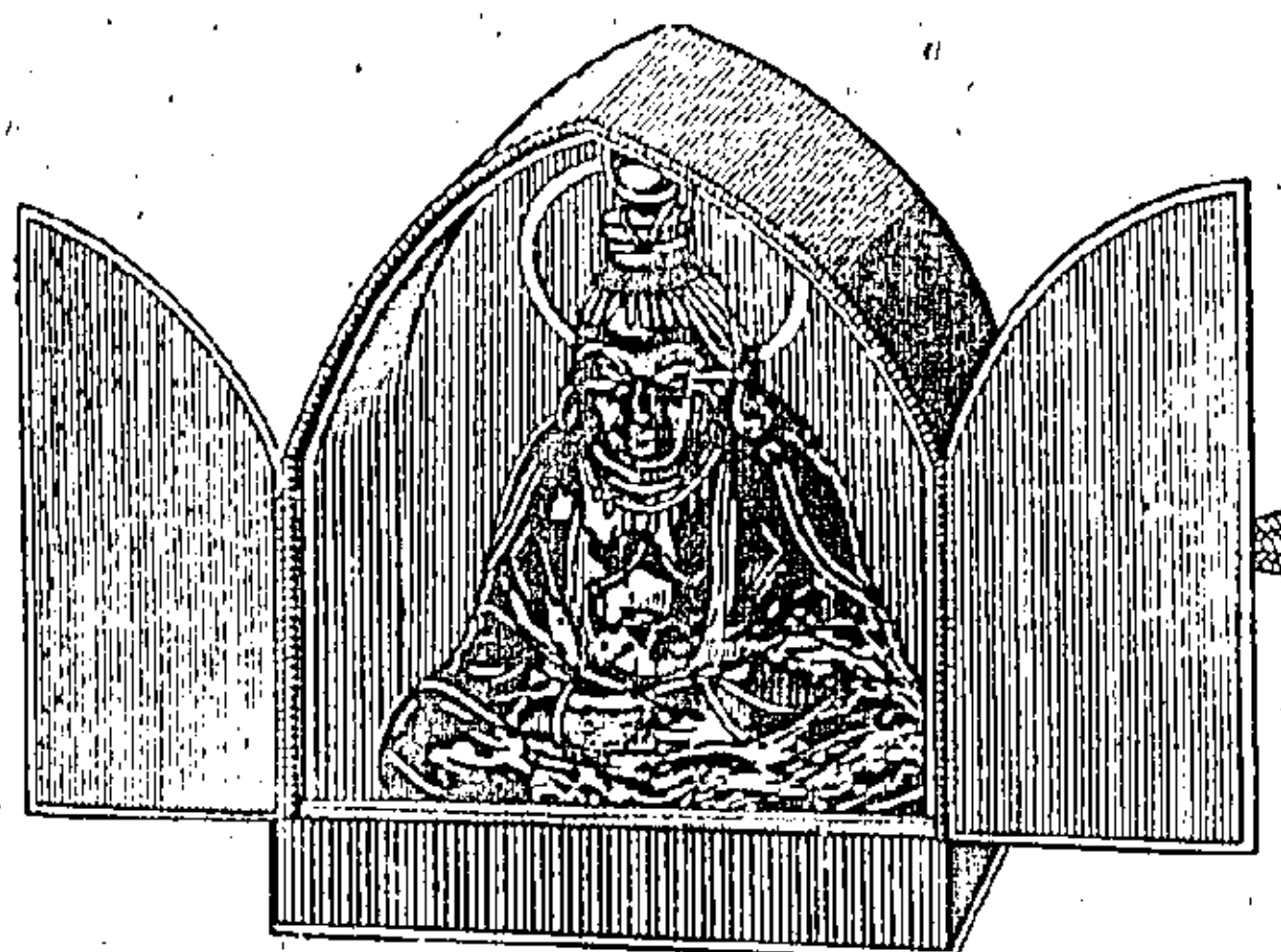
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LAND SURVEY WORK.

REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

Aerial Mapping.

Some interesting details of land survey work are given in the annual report of that department for 1924. The Crown Land and Survey Office, which at present includes a staff of 16 European surveyors, 6 Chinese assistant surveyors, 14 Chinese apprentice surveyors and a number of Chinese student surveyors, under the direction of an executive officer designated the Superintendent of Crown Lands forms a branch of the Public Works Department. The Superintendent is Mr. L. C. P. Ress.

The report says that although the applications for purchase of land were not so many as during the previous year, they were still very great and necessitated many surveys for sale plans, etc. Development was commenced of numerous lots sold in 1924 and the survey staff was engaged constantly in settling out building areas. More than 64 of such areas were defined in Hongkong and 22 in Kowloon and New Kowloon. In addition many lots on the reclaimed areas at Moon Kik and Tai Kok Tsui were also set out and numerous frontage lines to streets were checked. An area on the slopes of Jardine's Look Out containing about 82 acres was defined. Surveys were made for sale purposes of 32 lots in Hongkong, Kowloon and New Kowloon, containing an area of 629,623 square feet, which were put up to Public Auction and realized \$111,592, with a resultant annual Crown Rent of \$3,034.

Recommendations, schedules and plans were prepared for exchanges of numerous Village Lots at Wongneichong in connection with the proposed development scheme, and of about 700 Village Lots and Lots not conforming with the Town Planning scheme in Kowloon and New Kowloon. The necessary exchanges of land were arranged for a number of lots in connection with street widenings.

The survey of the Western District and the City was continued and the City boundary which, for a considerable distance on the southern side, follows the 700 ft. contour, has been defined from a point on the sea shore at Kennedy Town as far eastward as Magazine Gap Road and boundary stones fixed at suitable points. The total area surveyed and plotted during the year was about 57 acres. An area of 132 acres has been reduced from a scale of 50 ft. to one inch to a scale of 200 ft. to an inch.

Aerial Survey.

A photographic aerial survey of the Colony was made by members of the Royal Air Force attached to H. M. S. Pegasus. Some weeks prior to the arrival of H. M. S. Pegasus, which was carrying out the work, an officer arrived in the Colony, and in conjunction with the Survey Office, fixed numerous ground marks for this purpose. All necessary information regarding trigonometrical values was supplied and assistance given in every way and the cost of same was borne by the Colonial Government. In conjunction with this survey a party in charge of an officer of Royal Engineers arrived in the Colony about the end of the year. All assistance that was possible was given the party to facilitate this work, together with a complete list of all trigonometrical stations with the values of same. Other stations were fixed where necessary and the work of observing and valuing these is in hand. All stations fixed by the Royal Engineer party have been or will be permanently marked and co-ordinated with the present system. A reconnaissance of Lantau Island will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity with a view to completing the survey of this Island. This, however, will probably

OBITUARY.

MR. H. H. TAYLER.

Well-known Resident.

We regret to record the death, which took place last evening, of Mr. Henry Herbert Tayler, the Manager of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company. Mr. Tayler who was very well-known in sporting circles, not only in Hongkong but throughout the Far East, had been ill for some time, and his condition became such that recently he was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. Unfortunately he became gradually worse and passed away at the institution at 7.30 last evening.

The late Mr. Tayler was born and spent practically the whole of his life in the Far East, and from the time of leaving school has been associated with the firm of Messrs. Shevan, Thomas, and Company, which he joined about 25 years ago, rising to the responsible position of Manager of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company.

He was a very keen and active sportsman and in his younger days participated in every form of manly sport. He was particularly interested in cricket, a game at which he excelled, and before the war represented Hongkong in Interport matches. He was a member of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and although not recently taking an active part in the game, he was invariably present at the matches played on the Club ground. Football, swimming and racing also found in him a keen supporter.

A member of the Hongkong Jockey Club, he was a partner in the Relyon stable, with a string of "Uncle" ponies, and hardly a meeting passed without his presence at the Valley.

The late Mr. Tayler, who was only 40 years of age, leaves a widow, for whom much sympathy will be felt in her bereavement.

Major M. J. Dinwiddy.

The death is announced of Major Malcolm James Dinwiddy, who before the Great War was with the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment in Hongkong. Early in the Great War he was ordered to Persia, and by forced marches, through floods, sandstorms, fever troubles, and fighting, entered Kut. On the way there was fought the battle of Nazmyah, where Major Dinwiddy's battalion lost 45 killed and 100 wounded. After the surrender of Kut he had, as a prisoner of the Turks, two months of forced marches to Yozgad, with untold sufferings. Then followed three years of captivity. For the next three years, Major Dinwiddy was in command of the Physical Training Headquarters for the Mediterranean, at Cairo. Since then he had been Inspector on the physical training staff at Aldershot.

have to wait until next October, when weather conditions are more suitable for this work.

An extensive area about 375 acres was recontoured at Lai-chikok for the Military Authorities in connection with the proposed provisioning of part of the garrison in this neighbourhood.

The following plans were prepared for official use during the year: 181 Lease plans (in triplicate); 19 Sale plans (in duplicate); 160 Tracings and 6,000 Sanprints, etc. in connection with proposed sale permits, whilst 1610 permits for temporary occupation of Crown Land and 60 licences for temporary piers and shipways were issued.

CRICKET.

NAVY DEFEAT ARMY IN BIG SCORING MATCH.

Exciting Day's Play.

The finish of the Army-Navy match played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on Monday and yesterday in the annual triangular series, was most exciting and some very high scoring was witnessed during the whole of yesterday, when the Army resumed their second attempt after being disposed of for 115 in their first innings, the Navy having replied with 170. Over 400 runs were scored, of which Capt. Walters, batting for the Army, made 101 before being bowled by Nicholson. For the Navy, Pay Lieut. Hussey was unfortunate in being dismissed within four of the three figure mark. Edmeades and Stephenson for their respective sides also made over 50 runs. With three wickets in hand the Navy passed their opponents' score, and will play the deciding match with the Hongkong Cricket Club on Friday and Saturday, the latter having defeated the Army during the Christmas holidays.

The over night not outs, Walters and Smith, resumed the innings for the Army. The latter left after adding two runs to his score and Edmeades joined Walters. Both players were determined to give their side a substantial lead and some very hard hitting was seen. It was not till the Captain had reached a century that he fell a victim to Nicholson, who also took Edmeades' wicket after the latter had scored 63. The innings closed shortly afterwards at 345, leaving the Navy 291 runs to win.

The Navy, although they did not open too well, losing Sillitoe after he had made only two runs, soon mastered the Army bowling and the remaining batsmen all reached double figures. Hussey and Stephenson made almost as many as the Army's two chief scorers, the former being bowled by Goodyer, at 96. Armitage contributed 39 and with the loss of seven wickets the Army score was passed.

Scores:

Army—1st Innings.....	115
Navy—1st Innings.....	170
Army—2nd Innings.....	8
C. Q. M. S. Stripp, b Cantrell.....	8
Sgt. Blonfin, c and b Cantrell.....	26
Capt. Bridgeland, c Armitage, b Stephenson.....	55
Major Hattersley Smith, b Beatty.....	60
Capt. Morris, b Cantrell.....	1
Capt. Walters, b Nicholson.....	101
Lieut. Smith, b Cantrell.....	12
Lieut. Col. Edmeades, b Nicholson.....	63
Spr. Goodyer, 1 b w Stephenson.....	3
Lieut. Chidson, not out.....	2
Gr. Clayton, b Nicholson.....	0
Extras.....	11
Total.....	345

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cantrell.....	29	5	99	4
Beatty.....	20	2	69	1
Lake.....	6	1	33	—
Sillitoe.....	2	—	6	—
Nicholson.....	9	1	31	3
Stephenson.....	12	—	65	2
Woodward.....	—	—	28	—

Navy—2nd Innings.....	24
Lieut. Nicholson, c Edmeades, b Smith.....	2
Lieut. Sillitoe, c Edmeades, b Smith.....	2
Pay Lieut. Hussey, b Goodyer.....	95
M. A. Stephenson, c Stripp, b Bridgeland.....	51
Lieut. Hussey, b Bridgeland.....	14
Capt. Armitage, c and b Goodyer.....	39
Capt. Lake, b Goodyer.....	14
Lieut. Col. Cantrell, not out.....	25
Pay Com. Woodward, not out.....	19
Extras.....	7

Total (for 7 wickets.)...293

Lieut. Wauchope and Lieut. Beatty did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

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Goodyer.....	21	2	109	3
Smith.....	15	4	49	2
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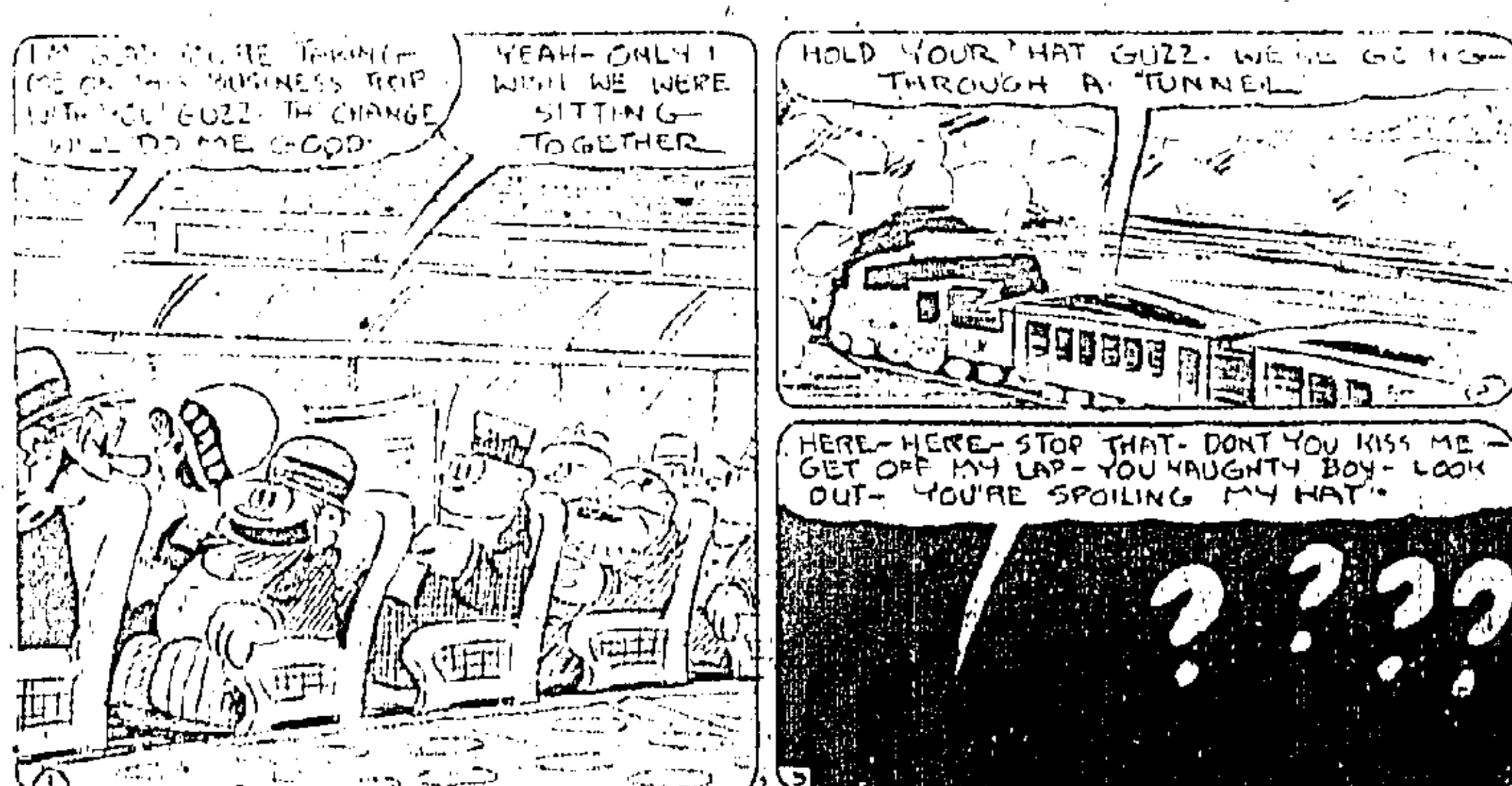


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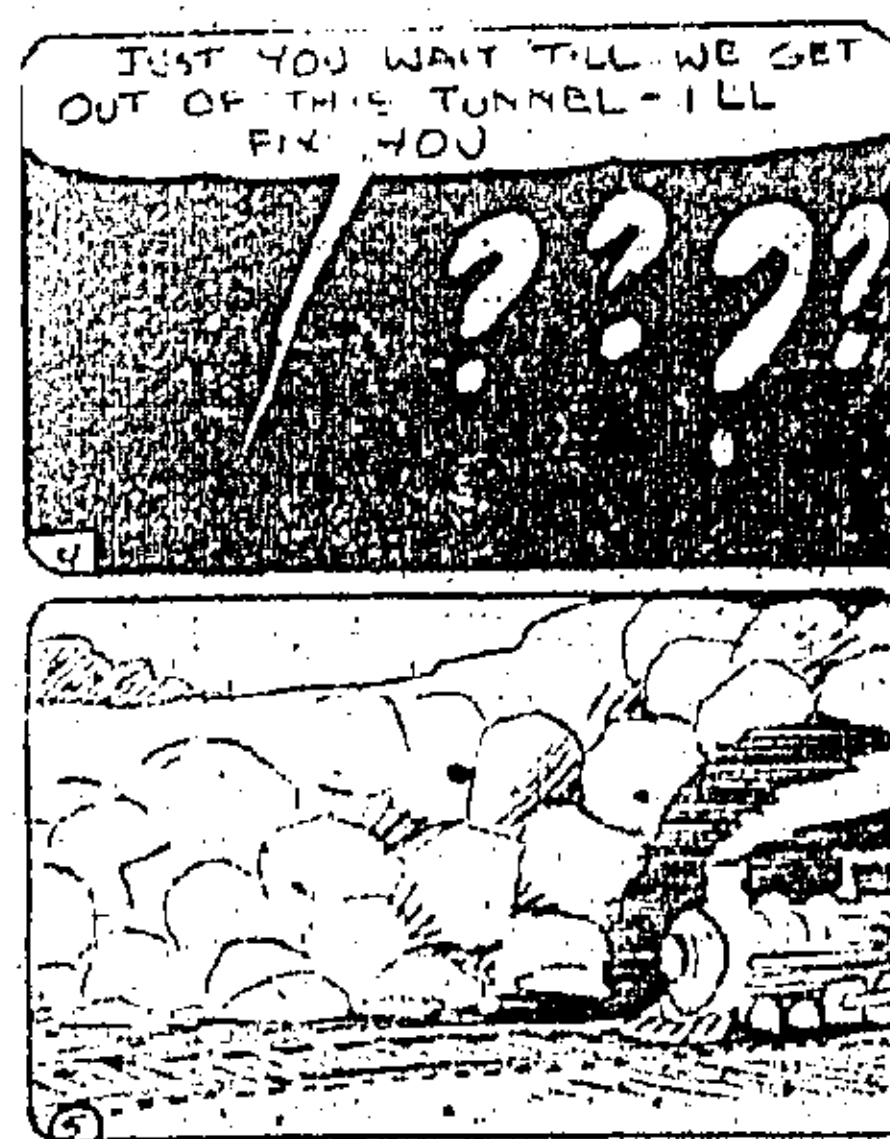


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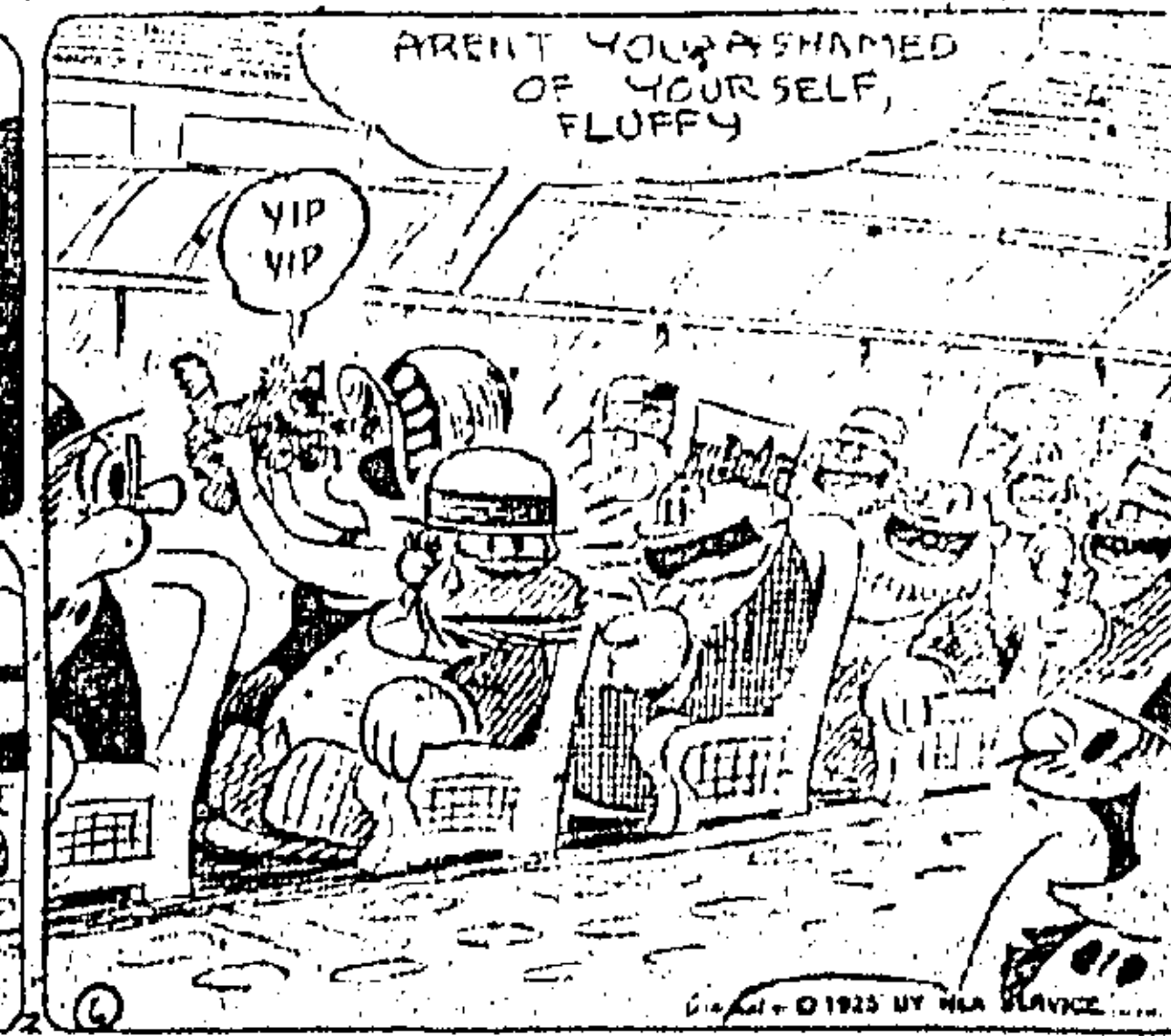
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By Swan.

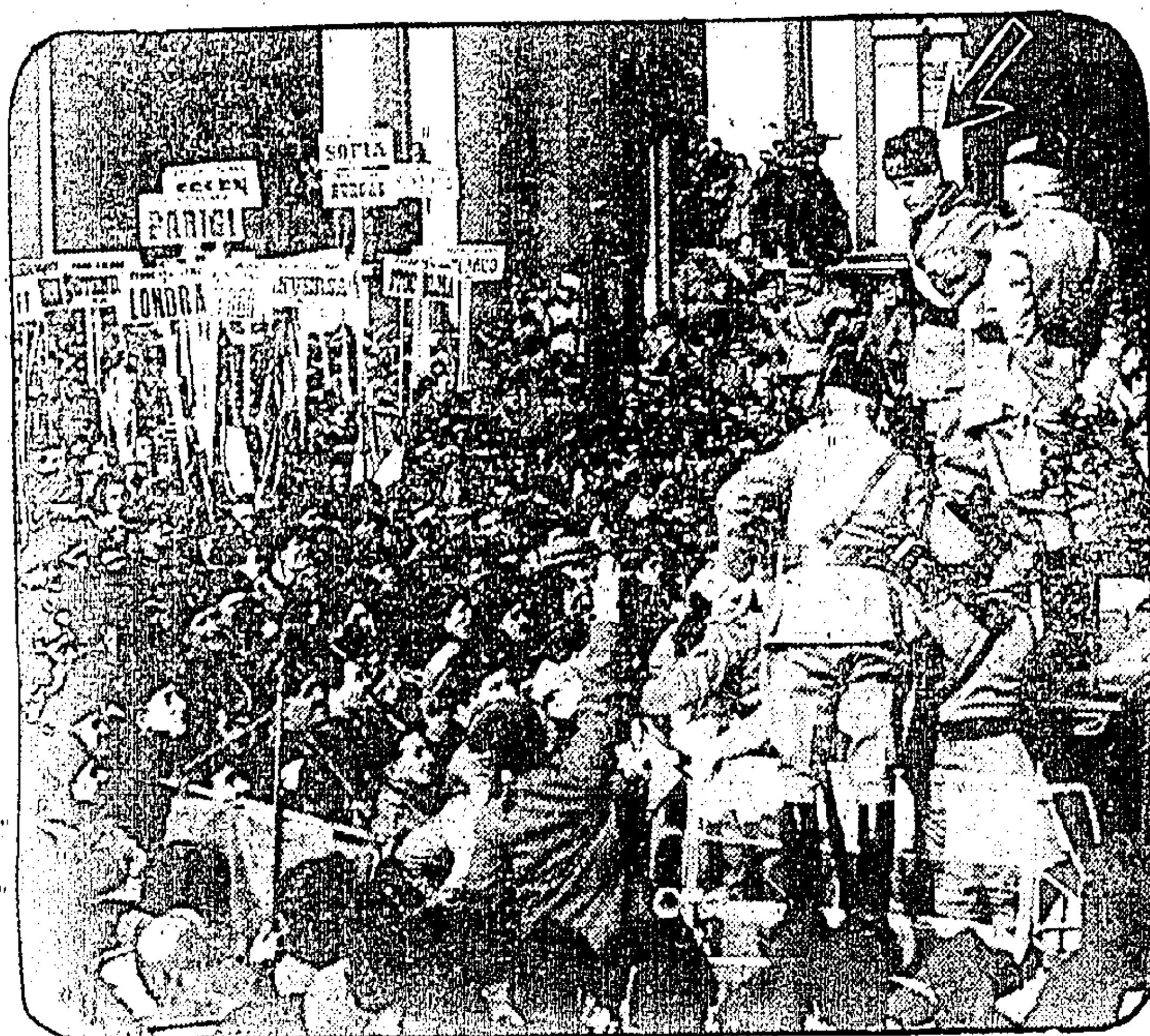


An Anglo-German "Rugger" Match.



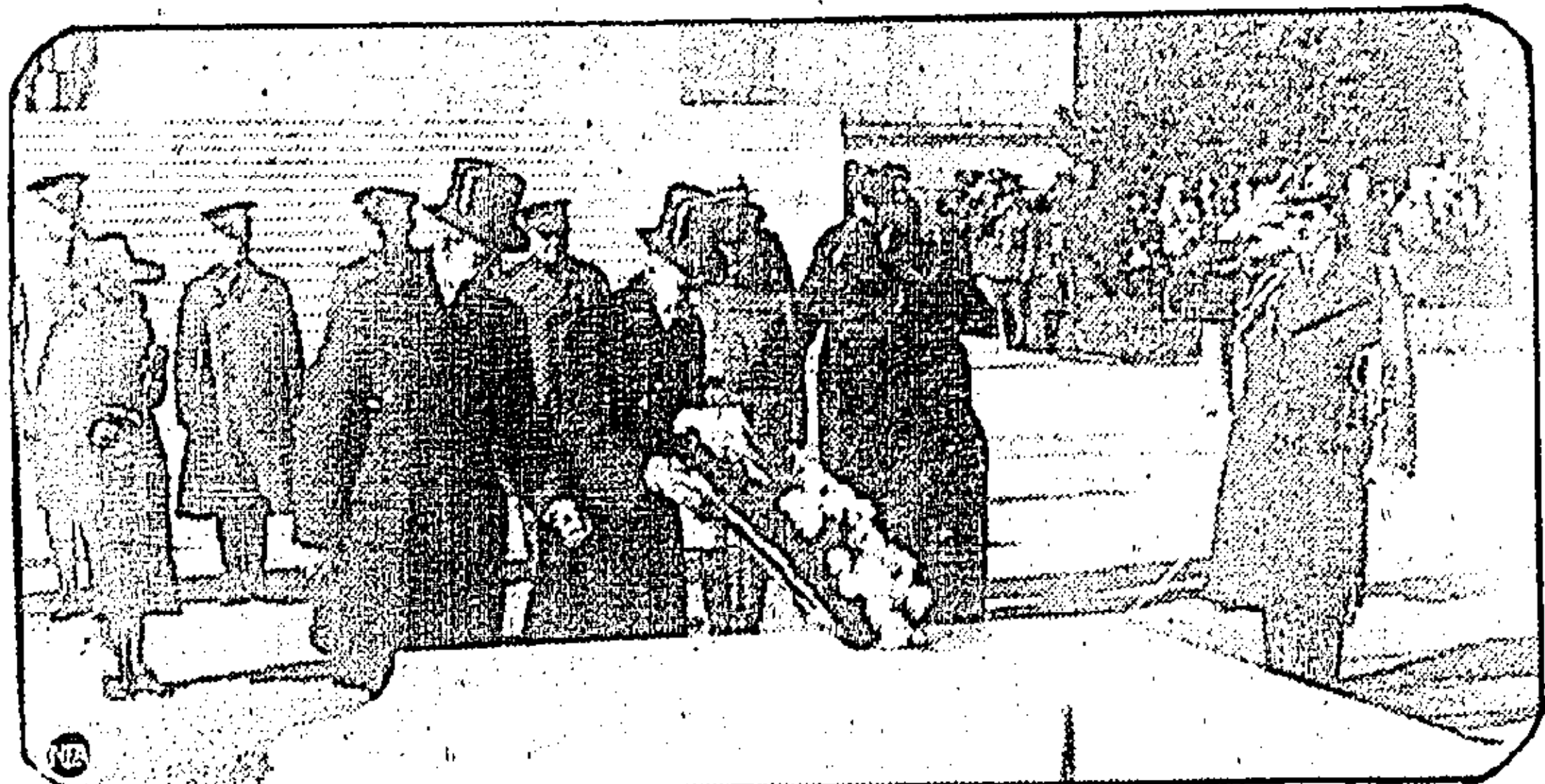
Photo shows Oxford Greyhounds scoring a try in their match at Oxford with the Frankfurt 1880 Club, which is one of the Oldest Rugby clubs in Germany. Oxford won by 32 points to 3.

Mussolini Shows No Fear of Assassins.



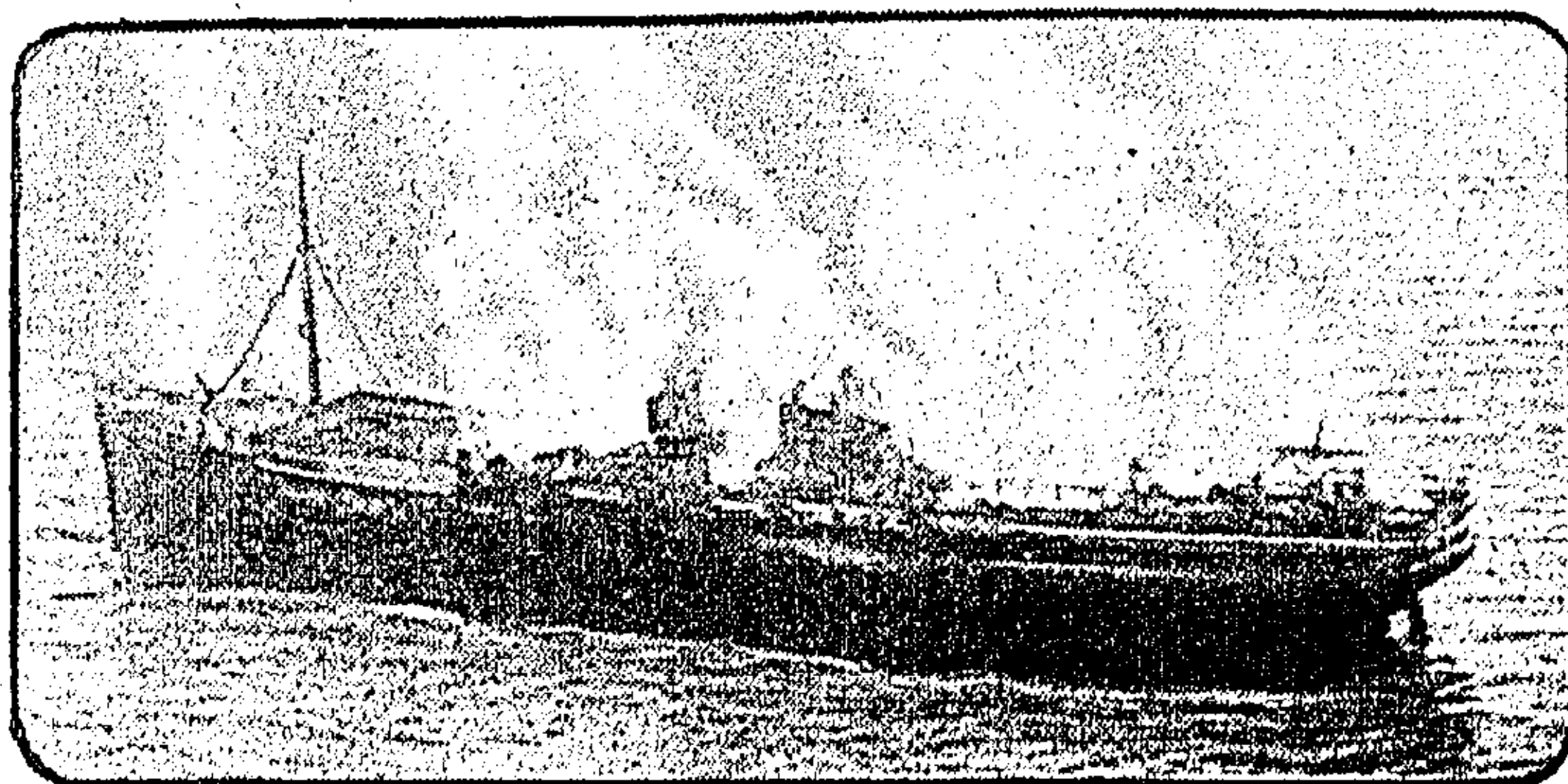
Premier Mussolini of Italy has become the centre of desperate intrigue because of his dictatorial ways, but he appears fearlessly in public to make addresses, as the picture shows. The photograph was taken in the public square at Milan recently.

Annual Tribute to Unknown Soldier.



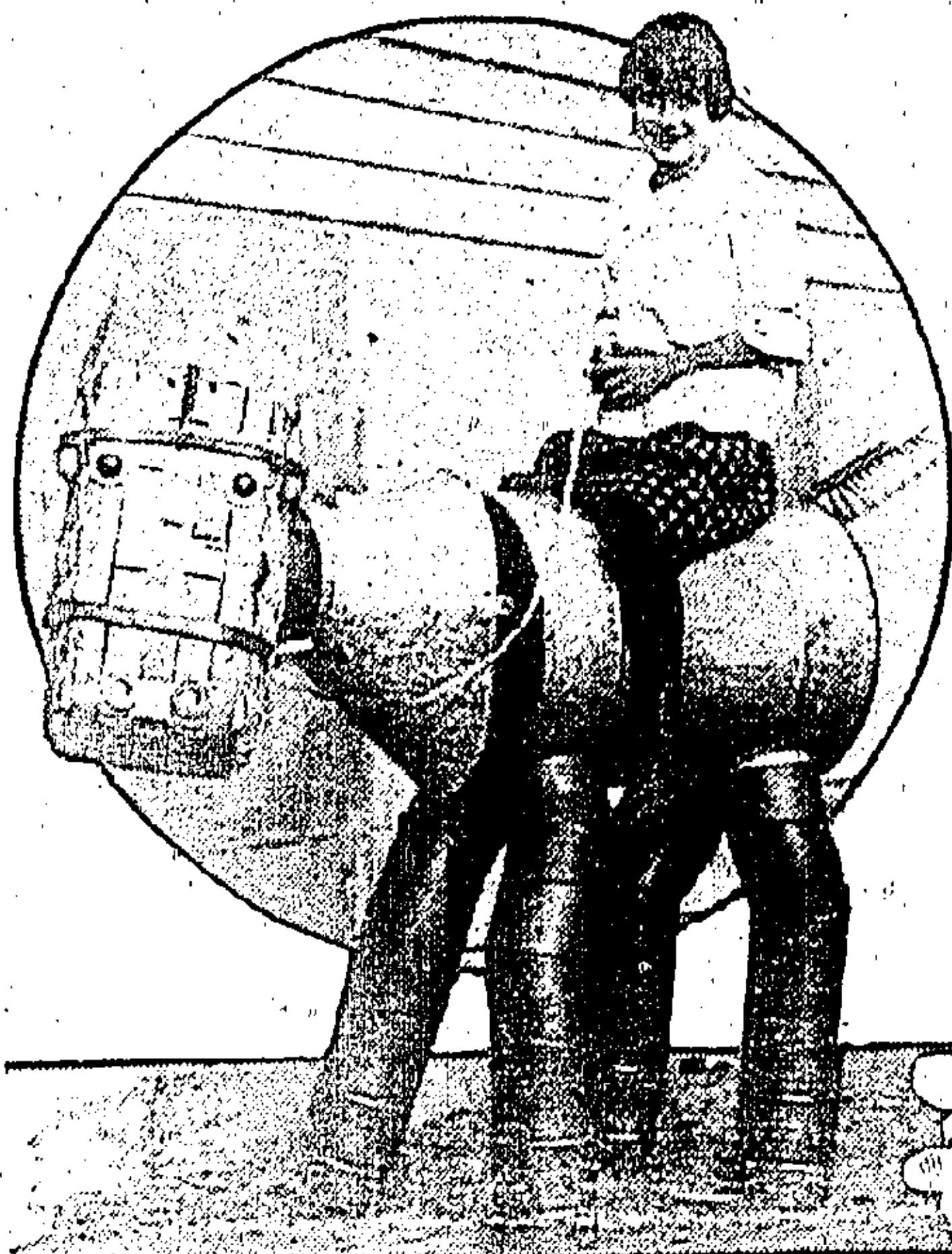
President Coolidge places a wreath upon the grave of the Unknown Soldier at the Armistice day observances in Washington.

Burning Clyde Liner "Lenape".



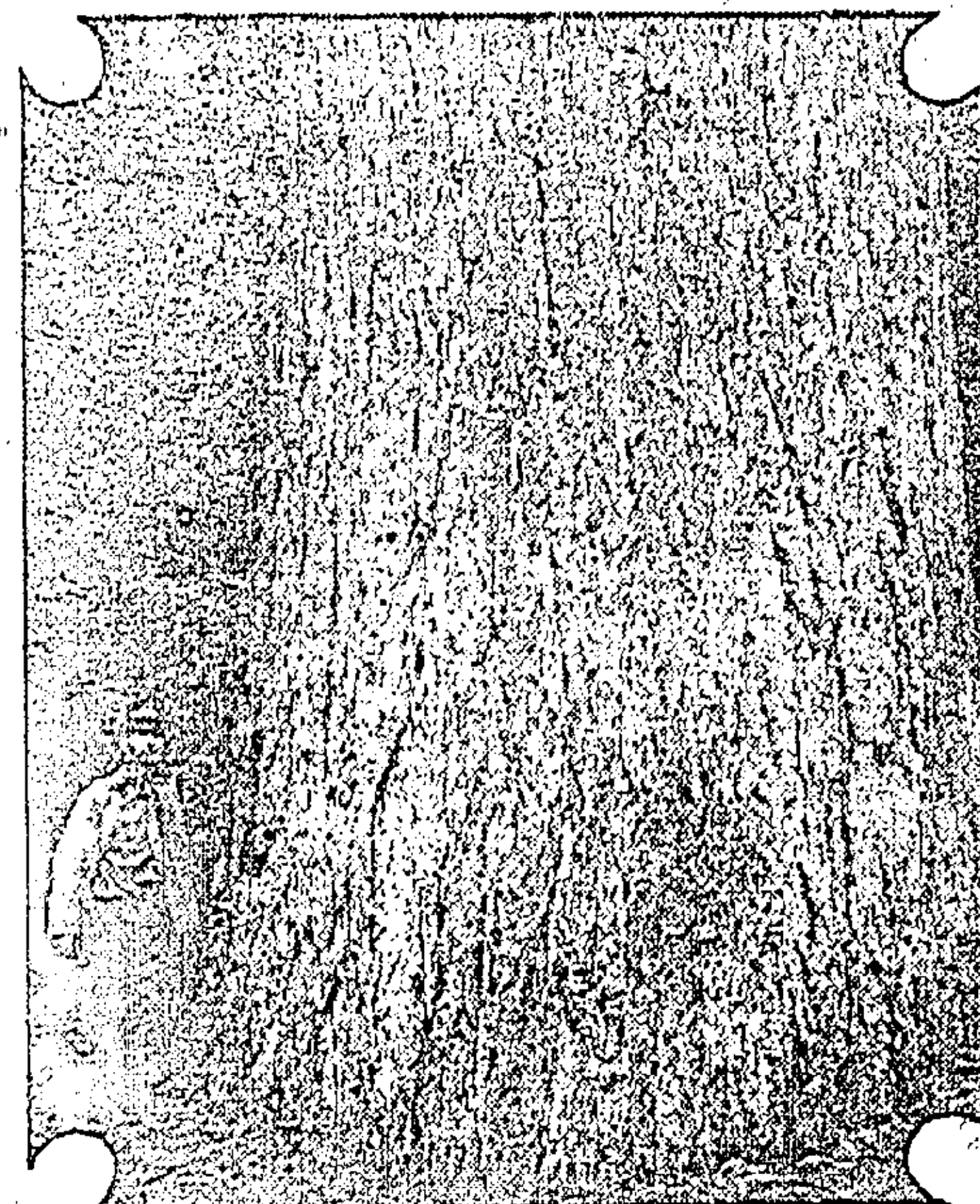
One hundred and seventy-five passengers and 100 members of the crew were saved when the Clyde liner Lenape burned to the water's edge off the Delaware breakwater. It was bound from New York to Florida. This exclusive photo was taken by a cameraman from an aeroplane that circled over the burning steamer.

Winner of Hardware Derby.



This is not a race horse to bet your money on. It comes out of hardware stock—of galvanized tin and sheet iron. The horse was made by a Reading (Mass.) hardware dealer out of materials from his stock.

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NOTICE.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

Under Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday and Saturday, the 1st and 2nd January, 1926.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918) LIMITED.

With reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 28th October, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 4th January, 1926, instead of 3rd November, 1925, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 4th March, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 4th March, 1926.

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Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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Messrs. DEACONS, 1 Des Vaux Road Central Vendor's Solicitors, or MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

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The properties consist of:—

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The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Wing Yue Tsung to sell by Public Auction for account of Messrs. Him Yuen Cheung Koo on

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Goods not cleared by the 5th Jan. 1926, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co's representatives on any Tuesday and Friday, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

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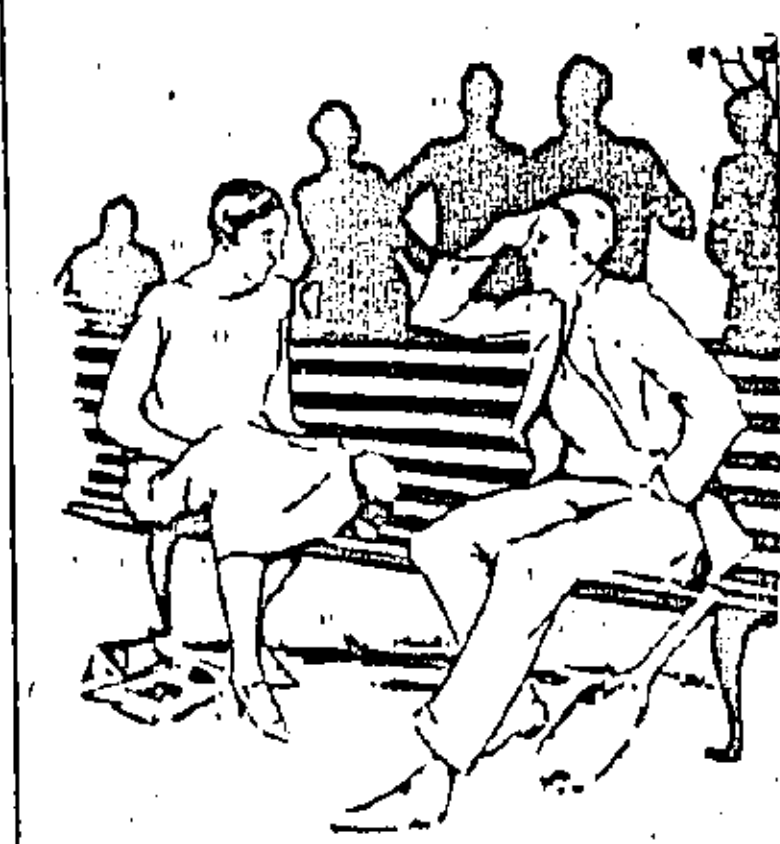
SHANGHAI HUNT.

SEVERAL RECENT MISHAPS.

The long casualty list in the opening runs of the paper-hunting season makes it quite a lengthy business to establish the state of health of all the victims, states the *North China Daily News*. Mr. C. E. Whitmore was seen on the Bund yesterday, with an arm in a sling, but otherwise looking quite cheery and probably before long he will be in his usual place amongst the thrusters.

The news of Mr. N. L. Sparke is not so satisfactory. At first he was said to be very seriously hurt, then it was revised to nothing more than a bad shaking, but the latest report is that several bones, especially about the shoulders, had been chipped. However, he is doing very well in the circumstances.

Mrs. Burton's broken leg also is mending well, whilst Miss Ada Law is amongst the convalescents (her accident was before the hunt started). Mr. K. M. Cumming had not broken any more limbs at the time of writing, but he collects disasters amazingly rapidly. Miss Lorraine Fleming, too, is recovering nicely.



She: "Fancy getting home at 3 a.m. You must be tired!"
He: "It wouldn't be so bad if I hadn't had to listen to my wife for two hours afterwards!"
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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th Jan will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th Jan or they will not be recognised.

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CANADIAN SETTLERS.

ACTIVITY IN BRITAIN AND U.S.A.

London, 28th November: The Canadian Government, in order to stimulate immigration, is sending Mr. Egan, Deputy Minister of Immigration, to Britain, and Mr. Little, recently Immigration Commissioner in Britain, to the United States.

The Toronto correspondent of the *Times* says the chief object both in the United States and in Europe is to secure English speaking immigrants, but other races will not be ignored.

The Immigration Agents in the United States have received instructions to make a special effort to induce Nova Scotians and New Brunswick people, established in New England, to return to the Dominion.

It is also hoped to organize a substantial homeward movement of Canadians from the industrial centres along the International border.

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES.

EXPLOITATION BY JAPAN.

Replacement of sail by steam and motor power on the ships engaged in fishing industry has revolutionised the commercial fisheries. In the current issue of the *Commerce Monthly*, the National Bank of Commerce of New York reviews the fisheries of the world and of those in which Japan is interested. It says:

Long before the war the potentialities of the fisheries of Far Eastern Siberia were recognised in Russian circles. However, it was the Japanese who seem to have been most keenly appreciative of their future worth. In 1907 Japan concluded a convention with Russia whereby the former secured to its nationals rights to fish in certain of those waters, equally with Russians. Rights in these salmon fisheries have been a bone of contention between Russia and Japan. At present it is estimated that 90 per cent. of the capital employed is Japanese, and it appears unlikely that Japan can be ousted from this fishery which constitutes practically the exclusive economic activity of the community and which is regarded by Japan as imperative to the maintenance of its food supplies, as fish is so important an item in Japanese dietary.

Not only is Japan very active in the Russian Far East and off its own coast, but Japanese fishermen are employed extensively in the fisheries and whaling of Korea, in the salmon fisheries of Canada and in United States and Mexican waters. A tremendous volume of fish and fish products is taken by its nationals, fishing and fish preserving occupy an established place in Japanese life and fish consumption per capita is exceedingly high.

Other Oriental peoples, especially the Chinese, engage in fishing in river and sea, although there are little data to indicate what progress has been made in the exploitation of the fisheries. Recently more attention has been paid in some countries to the introduction of modern fishery methods, but among the far-flung Asiatic populations little headway can be made against the ancient prejudices which attach to an occupation followed by such great numbers of people.

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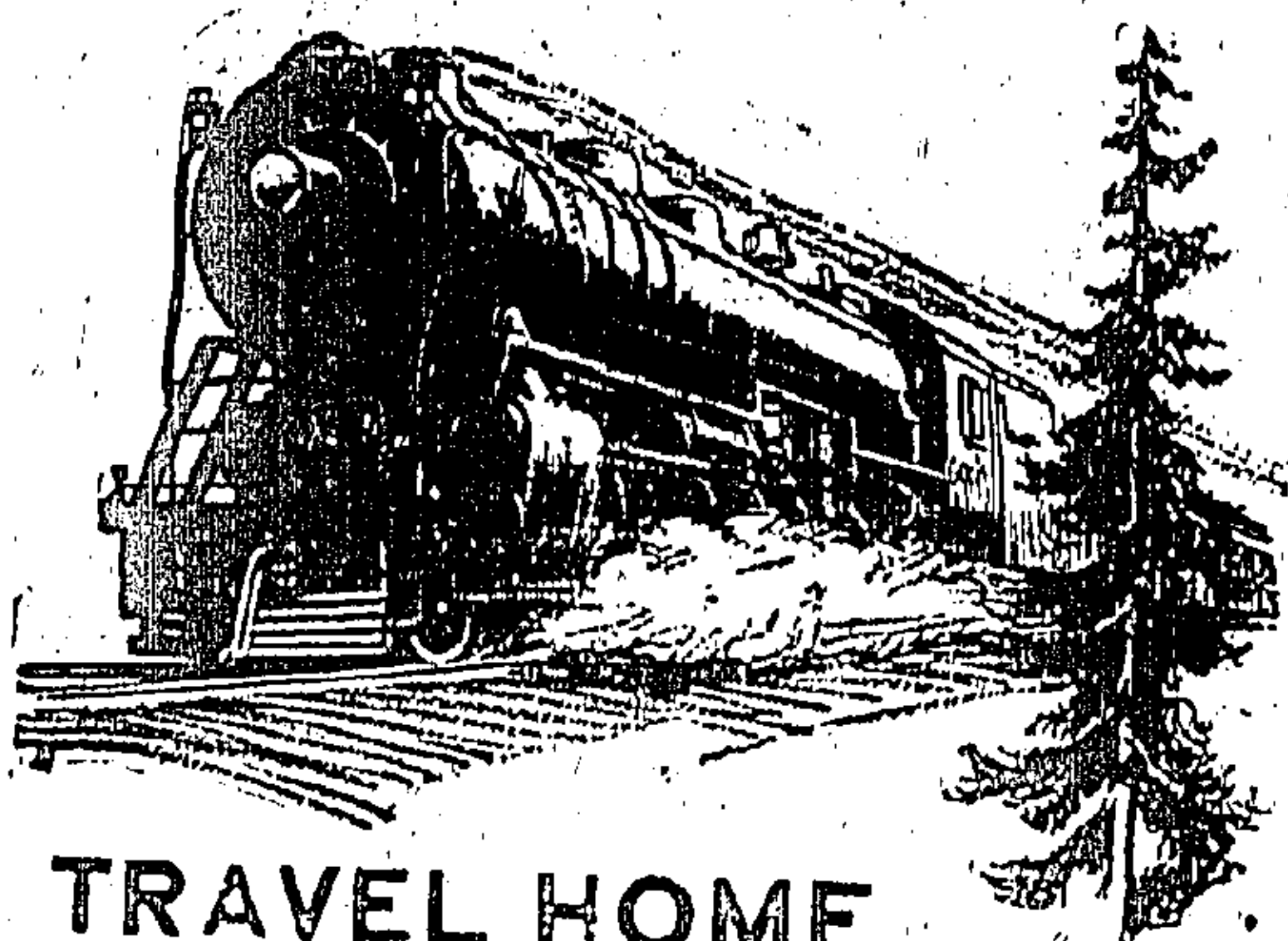
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PARKS AND GARDENS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Nuisance of Typhoons.

In his annual report, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department states:

The rainfall, which totalled 105.61 inches during the whole year, was generally favourable to both gardening and forestry operations during the fourth quarter of the year when the gardens usually suffer from more or less severe drought; the heavy rains were particularly beneficial.

Signals indicating the proximity of typhoons were hoisted fourteen times during the year and the whole of the pot plants in the Botanic Gardens had to be carried into shelter on several occasions; no serious damage was done by storms in any part of the Colony.

The Botanic Garden.—Many of the larger trees and shrubs which were damaged by the typhoon in 1923 have made a fair recovery; the caps caused by the loss of big trees have as far as possible been filled with trees and shrubs.

In September the roses on the east side of the "Rosebed Terrace" were all lifted and planted elsewhere; the vacant beds were filled with winter annuals; the western side will be similarly treated and this will enable the whole area to be continuously planted with winter and summer annuals.

The shrubbery behind the aviary was entirely removed and the area covered with turf; a line of Mauritian Palms (*Chrysalidocarpus lutescens*) was planted to screen the back wall of the aviary. This has very much improved the appearance of the Old Garden. Two old and badly shaped trees of *Viburnum oborissimum* which stood on either side of Sir Arthur Kennedy's statue were removed and replaced by two Bay Trees (*Laurus nobilis*) obtained from Japan.

Two young trees of *Aleurites montana* were planted at the corners of the "Rosebed Terrace" to replace the two fine specimens of *Heteropanax fragrans* which formerly stood here.

Troublesome Caterpillars.—Grass caterpillars fortunately were not very troublesome during the autumn; these pests were treated with a solution of Jeyes' Fluid, which at present is the only known cure.

Large numbers of lawns and cuttings were taken from Bauhinia Blakiana and other hard-wooded trees in both gardens; in the Pot Nursery many thousands of cuttings of various plants were grown and potted, also seedlings of the rare trees and those which require shelter during the early stages of their growth.

The total number of trees, shrubs and pot plants sold during the year was 4,739; of these 722 were Maiden-hair Ferns.

Mountain Lodge Grounds.—The creeping *Ficus* which were badly damaged by the 1923 typhoon have to a great extent recovered and are rapidly covering the retaining wall. The red *Azaleas* (*Rhododendron indicum*) in various parts of the grounds flowered well; since the passing of the Ordinance which prohibits the possession and sale of flowers of all *Azaleas* those in these grounds have suffered little from the depredations of flower hawkers and the improvement in their general growth is noticeable.

Blake Garden.—Increasingly large numbers of visitors now make use of this garden and some difficulty has been experienced in dealing with large gangs of youths, who for some time played organised football matches to the great

THE PO ON PIRACY.

DEFENDANT COMMITTED ON ALL CHARGES.

An Ear and a Moustache.

Arraigned on three charges arising out of a piracy committed on the steam launch Po On while the vessel was on her way to Wan Ha in the Nam Tau district, a Chinese was yesterday sent by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, to take his trial at the Criminal Sessions. The charges were (1) participation in an armed robbery, (2) kidnapping passengers and holding them for ransom and (3) unlawful possession of a revolver.

Further evidence of the occurrence was given by other victims who had since been released, and all but one of the witnesses identified the prisoner as being one of the men who produced revolvers when the ship was commandeered at sea.

All witnesses spoke of being ill-treated by the pirates. The ear of one of the victims was cut off, while another man had his moustache shaved. The ear and moustache were sent to the respective homes of the owners to expedite the payment of the ransom. The prisoners were also obliged to write letters to their relatives requesting the money to be sent immediately.

Statements made by the defendant when charged at the Water Police Station after his arrest, in which he said that he was forced to join the pirates and hold the passengers for ransom, were produced in evidence, but the prisoner making a statement before being committed by the Magistrate, denied all knowledge of the piracy. He stated that he was falsely accused and was never among the gang of pirates on board the Po On.

discomfort of the regular and more orderly visitors.

West End Park.—The lower portion of the park has been leased to the Principal of St. Stephen's College for use by the scholars as a playground.

King's Park, Kowloon.—This area has now been laid out by Public Works Department as a sports ground and all flowering trees have been lifted and removed to Sung Wong Toi and elsewhere.

Herbarium.—Specimens to the number of 816 collected by the expedition from Canton Christian College to Hainan, were received and mounted during the year.

Specimens of economic and other plant products forwarded from various sources were identified for collectors, museums and other institutions. A number of books was purchased and added to the library; all books were regularly inspected and repositioned.

Forestry.

Trees in plantations and elsewhere have now to a great extent recovered from the great damage suffered during the 1923 typhoon. As a result of the blowing down of many very large roadside trees and the consequent breakage of telephone and electric light wires, the hard pruning of the largest roadside trees was commenced at the end of the year; the effect is very noticeable and a large amount of shade has been lost, but all trees pruned now offer much less resistance to wind and will consequently have a much better chance of weathering severe storms.

Many offences against the forest protection laws were dealt with, principally cases of timber stealing. Thousands of trees have had to be sacrificed through the sales of land and development of sites, such as at Shingmun.

EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.

STARTS ON HER TOUR OF THE WORLD.

Prominent People on Board.

On the first stage of an around-the-world cruise, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland sailed from New York on December 4 bound for Mediterranean ports. The vessel took out a list of more than 400 globe-trotters, who will spend Christmas Day in Palestine, visiting the birthplace of Jesus Christ. The travellers will celebrate New Year in Egypt, and a second New Year festival in China on February 13.

Included in the cosmopolitan list of passengers are: Sir Arthur Mayo-Robson, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., and Dr. William Turner, M.V.O., outstanding surgeons, the former of whom was surgeon to King Edward VII. A noted member of the legal profession is Judge Hynes, of Dublin. Other prominent people are: Captain and Mrs. S. W. Bignold, of Epsom; Col. F. P. Moore, of Hanley-on-Thames; Rev. A. W. Cross, M.A., Woodford Wells; L. Dudley Beardmore, Glasgow; Dr. Gwendolen Brooke, Monmouth; Major and Mrs. Wentworth, Wakefield, and the Hon. Mrs. R. C. Peters, of London.

The party from London includes: A. R. Stephenson, R. M. Stephenson, Miss Sybell Sanger, T. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Charles Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gillespie-Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Glasson, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Monk, Mrs. Metcalf, Albert Willdash, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Atkinson, William Constable, J. M. Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wren, Mrs. A. C. Cubbon, Miss Dorothy Adeline Slater, J. Vesey Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. E. Lane, Mrs. C. Evans, Mrs. William Wright Bruce, Mrs. H. E. Adams, Phelp Adams, Miss G. Thorp, Mrs. Mary Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Winslow.

WIRELESS.

BRITISH AMATEUR GETS TOKYO.

London, Dec. 29.
A Dorking amateur, Mr. Lawson, has succeeded in getting into wireless communication with an Englishman in Tokyo. The receiver in use was a two-valve resistance coupled set.—Reuter.

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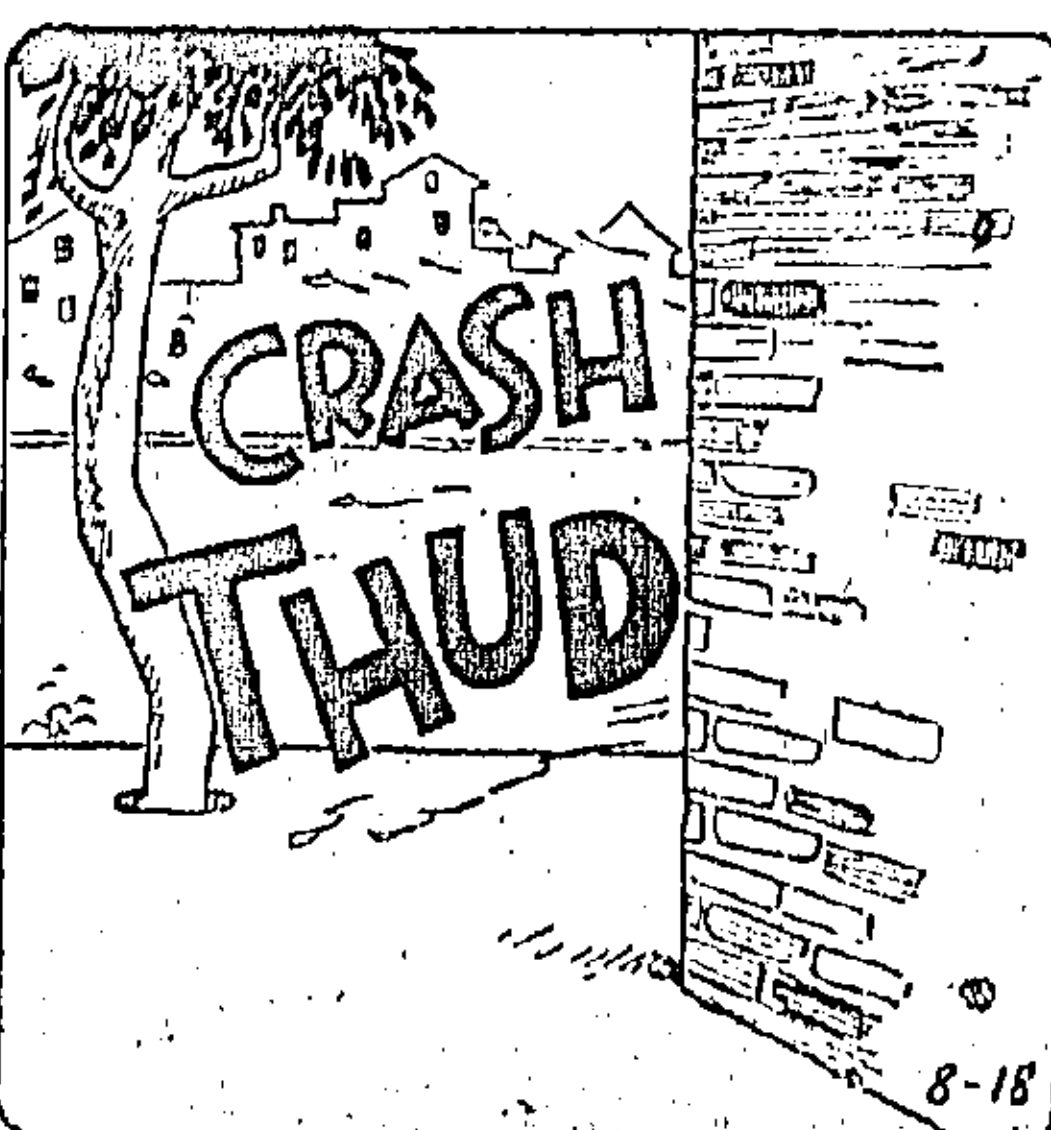
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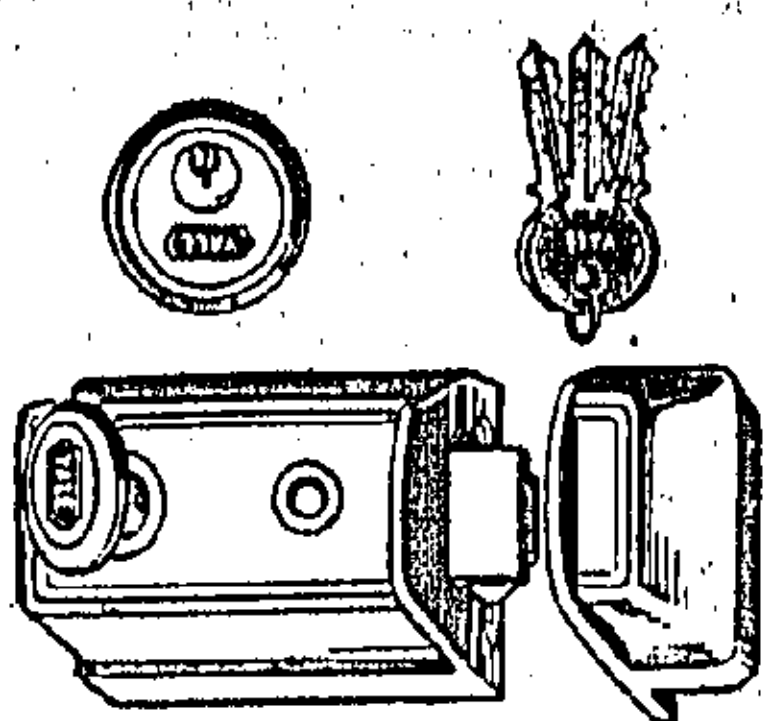
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The Telegraph

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EDUCATIONAL AIMS.

The late Director of Education has very courageously attempted in his introduction to the annual report of the Education Department for last year to set out grave fundamental dangers and errors in the work of local educational institutions, and, although there were not a few who differed from Mr. G. N. Orme in his general viewpoint and conduct of Government educational matters, there will be few indeed who will not concede that he has very succinctly summed up the facts. Mr. Orme's most pregnant sentence is that wherein he states there is, at present, a great temptation for parents, teachers and pupils to make out of our educational facilities here a short road to the acquisition of means of livelihood. The dangers attendant upon such a course of action are undoubtedly many—the early desertion of a study of Chinese for the immediately profitable study of English and the seeking of external results in preference to real mental and moral progress are but two of the more important. Mr. Orme belongs to the class of educationist who sees that the real aim of education should be the moral and mental uplift of the people and not a simplified or intensified acquisition of a certain amount of superficial knowledge necessary for the pupil to be able to earn a certain wage in the commercial or industrial world. No-one would dare to gainsay the fact that education's highest aim is on the lofty moral plane, but as a matter of practical everyday life we have to get down to facts and so must the educationist. The problem of native education in Africa, India and China and elsewhere must of necessity be concerned, primarily, with giving to pupils an education in a foreign tongue because the pupils and the parents are out to demand such a foreign education, and all the talk about the incantation of up-rooting young natives from their native tradition and environment and leaving them stranded as half-educated discontents is really beside the point. This is an age of materialism, and the young Chinese, Indian or African student wants, first and foremost, the mental equipment for a successful career. He

wants a knowledge of English, of foreign weights and measures and money, he wants to know the mechanics of modern commerce and general office work, and, for the moment, he wants little else. Wise educationists, looking to the higher and nobler aim of education must be left to deplore it all; they want the old philosophies, the moral teachings of Confucius, the beauty of the Chinese classics and the idyllic. Young student hot-heads dabbling in "Red" politics fill them with horror, and they long to dethrone the practical curriculum of our local colleges and schools and substitute a placidly reflective and moralising course of instruction. Mr. Orme is of the true educational school and really deplores the modern tendency. But, to our mind, it has become increasingly clear of late that the only way to educate the young Chinese of this Colony is to give them what they want in the way of practical instruction. Let it be in English or in Chinese, give them an education they can apply in a practical and rewarding way when they leave school. The teaching and learning of moral conduct, of general ethics and of racial toleration and co-operation will come in its own devious ways but will come as surely as it always has through the ages. The world needn't get overmuch perturbed because of the revolutionary noise and fuss of a handful of immature students, and the old wise-heads needn't shake too vigorously in deploring the imposition of an unsettling foreign superficial education on young natives. It is only a transition; and real moral and mental education will assuredly come out of it. Let's go on teaching our Commercial English classes, giving our young Chinese boys the beginnings of careers, and trustfully leave time and experience to produce the higher and greater benefits.

Tuberculosis.

The white scourge still continues to exact its heavy toll of lives in Hongkong, for the fact is disclosed in the reports published for 1924 that during that year tubercular diseases of various types resulted in no fewer than 2,358 deaths, which is the highest mortality registered for the nine years regarding which figures are given. Of these, 269 were of infants under one year, but the highest incidence was in the case of Chinese between the ages of 25 and 45 years, of whom no fewer than 750 succumbed during the twelve months. In relation to the total deaths amongst the Chinese community, the percentage of deaths from tubercular diseases was 15.7. What is even more striking, however, is the fact that the total deaths of Chinese from respiratory diseases came to no fewer than 5,037, or 39.4 per cent. of the total deaths amongst the Chinese community. These figures are eloquent of the havoc played by diseases which are in large measure spread by overcrowding and by the objectionable habit of promiscuous spitting. The worst of it is that people in the grip of the disease move freely amongst their fellow-men and in many instances are either unable or disinclined to adopt methods of living which would help them in resisting the inroads on their health. Moreover, there is no sanatorium treatment available in Hongkong, a shortcoming which will have to be faced one day if the health of the community is to be safeguarded.

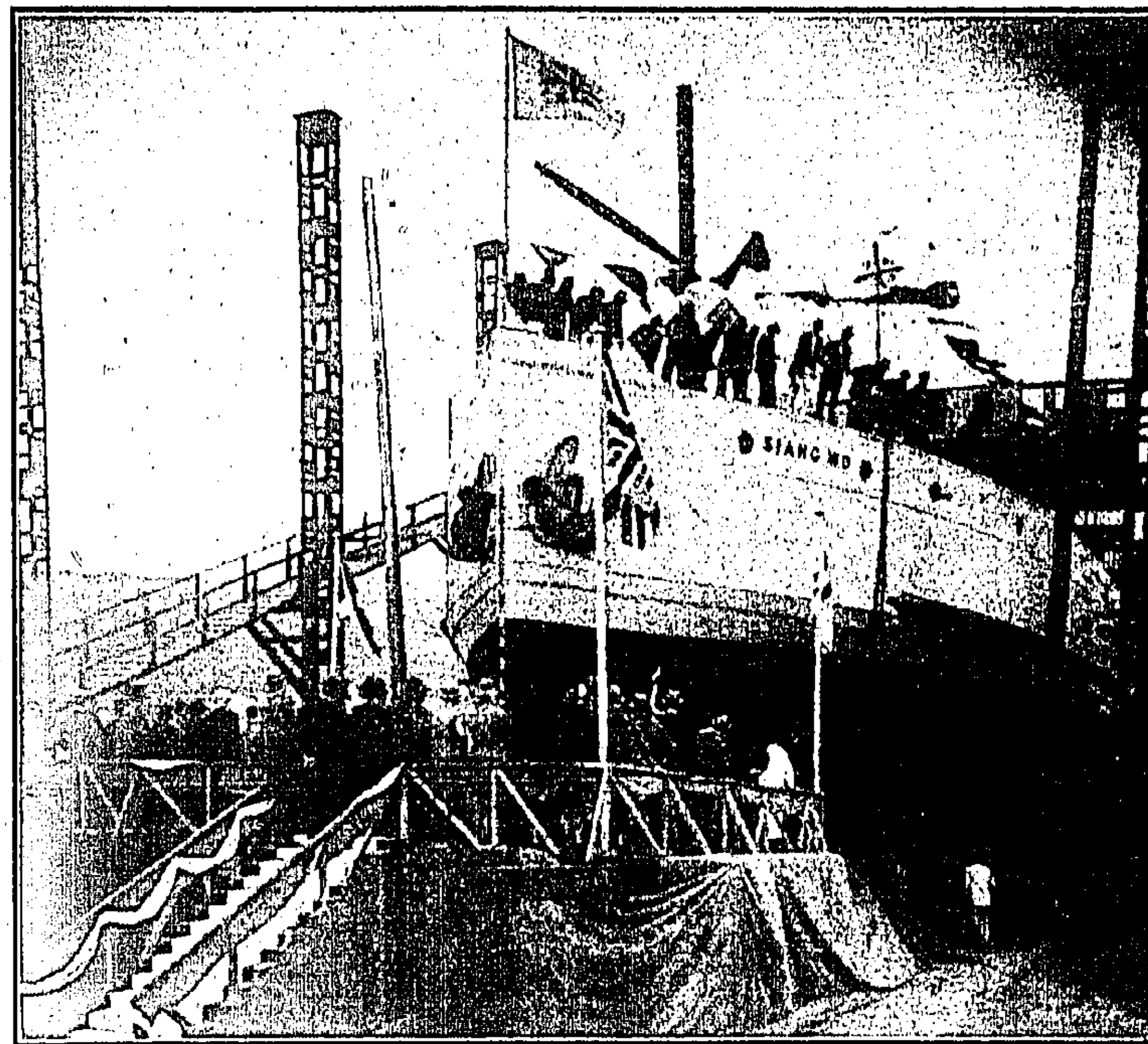
The Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians is to hold its annual athletic sports on the Indian Recreation Ground to-morrow afternoon. The prizes are to be presented by Mrs. A. R. Sutherland.

There were 367 admissions into the Hongkong Lunatic Asylum during 1924, compared with 300 in 1923 and 235 in 1922. Of these, 183 were sent to the John G. Kerr Hospital at Canton, compared with 131 in 1923 and 84 in 1922. Seven deaths occurred.

TWO STEAMERS LAUNCHED LOCALLY.



Group taken at Taikoo Dockyard on the occasion of the launching of the s.s. Antung. Miss Stirling, who performed the christening ceremony, is seen on right with bouquet. (Photo: Mee Cheung.)



The s.s. Siang Wo, recently launched at Kowloon Docks, is here seen leaving the slipways on being christened by Mrs. Clementi. (Photo: Mee Cheung.)

DAY BY DAY.

THE FULFILMENT OF DUTY IS THE TRUE END OF LIFE AND THE TRUE WELFARE. *Jeffrey.*

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.9/16d.

The Marine Court of Enquiry into the stranding of the s.s. Tean has been fixed for January 6th.

At the New Year's Eve overflow dance at the Hongkong Hotel, fancy or evening dress may be worn.

The French flagship Jules Michelet has left for the North. She is expected to return to Hongkong sometime in March.

We have to acknowledge receipt of calendars from the Colonial Dispensary and Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., the latter advertising "Bear" brand milk.

A District Court Martial is to be held on New Year's Day for the trial of Sgt. J. F. Caswell, R.A.O.C., and Havildar Sher Muhammad, of the Hongkong and Singapore Royal Artillery.

A fourteen-year-old Chinese boy, has been taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, suffering from internal injuries, as a result of being knocked down by a motor lorry yesterday. The driver of the lorry has been detained, pending enquiries.

The health return for last week shows three Chinese cases of typhoid (one death); two of diphtheria (one British and one Chinese), of which one was fatal; one fatal Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever; and one non-fatal imported British case of small-pox.

The concert given in St. Stephen's College Girls' School on Saturday, December 19th, proved a great financial success. The students were able to send \$300 for the Cathedral Organ Fund and \$200 for the Mission to Seamen. A further sum of \$100 was given to Mrs. Ma Ying-bow, for industrial work in the schools for poor Chinese children. A sum of \$100 was sent to the "Door of Hope" in Canton. This term \$400 has already been given to help schools for the poor Chinese children in different parts of the Diocese. Miss Middleton-Smith, the staff, and students, wish to thank the many Chinese and English friends who so kindly supported this effort.

INDIAN CHIEFS.

BETTER ADMINISTRATION URGED.

Cawnpore, Dec. 29. An appeal to the Indian chiefs to respond to the spirit of the times and justify their title of natural leaders of the Indian people, by introducing reforms, such as the institution of popular assemblies, thereby proving that hereditary rulership possessed all the advantages of complete democracy without its evils, was made by Shankar Lal Kaul, president at the third session of the Native States Subjects Conference.

He urged all the native princes to begin a system of budgeting, to restrict personal allowances to five per cent. of the State revenues, to prevent reckless waste of public funds, and not to treat the State Treasury as a private purse. He declared that any ruler behaving like a "little Czar" would be sowing the seeds of Bolshevism. *Reuter.*

COMMUNIST CONGRESS.

DISSENSION IN RUSSIAN EXECUTIVE.

Moscow, Dec. 29. The Congress of the Russian Communist Party has passed a resolution urging a continuation of the fight against the Right in an ultra-Left endeavour to create unity in the international Labour movement. The vote was taken after M. Zinovieff had read a report favouring merciless opposition to private capital. M. Zinovieff's report was the outcome of a five-hour speech by M. Stalin last week on the work of the Executive Committee which aroused opposition and culminated in a demand that Zinovieff, the Chairman of the Executive himself, should make a report. *Reuter.*

The following forthcoming weddings are announced.—Mr. Arthur James Kew, of Messrs. Anderson, Meyer & Co. and 333, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Beatrice Rose Abing, residing at No. 2, Ashley Road, Kowloon; Mr. John Edward Strange, wireless operator, R. F. A. Ruthenia, to Miss Gertrude Mabel Victoria Bullock, of Lyceum.

FRANCO-AMERICAN DEBT.

PLEA FOR GENEROUS TERMS.

Washington, Dec. 29. According to the *New York Herald*, Mr. Andrews, former Secretary to the Treasury, will present, at the re-opening of Congress, a motion in which he admits that the French pay taxes representing 20 per cent. of the revenue, being double those of the Americans, and asks that France be given generous terms for the debt settlement, pointing out that the absence of Americans at French origin, speaking in the name of France, results in the public to be constantly misinformed, and recalling the French aid to the United States during and after the War of Independence, as well as the losses and sacrifices suffered during the Great War. *Indopacifi.*

SYRIAN OUTLOOK.

CHIEF REBEL KILLED.

London, Dec. 29. The *Daily Mail* Beirut correspondent states that the chief rebel, Hassan Kharrat, was killed in the course of an engagement in the neighbourhood of Damascus. In the Djebel region, agitators coming from Egypt and Palestine are seeking to hinder the movement of submission, which is constantly increasing. *Indopacifi.*

GERMAN UNEMPLOYED.

A MARKED INCREASE.

Berlin, Dec. 29. There is a marked increase in unemployment, which is now in the proportion of 11 workmen per thousand; compared with 17 per thousand in the occupied territories. *Indopacifi.*

LONDON-CAPE FLIGHT.

ALAN COBHAM'S PROGRESS.

Cairo, Dec. 29. Alan Cobham has arrived at Malakal. *Reuter.* [Malakal is in the southern Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, near to the border of Abyssinia.]

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

A LETTER FROM ANDRE DUPRE.

By "Wanderer."

Press when the cards are running to you and stay away when they begin to bite the hand which feeds the kitty, are rules which, generally speaking, are applied to cards. They indicate, of course, that when your luck is in, it's in, and when it's out, it's dead out.

We have no parallel rules applicable to boxing, the main reason being that the professional boxer does not box solely for the pleasure of winning. At the same time, the luck question enters largely into boxing, a case in point being that of Andre Dupre, the French featherweight, who was in Hongkong earlier in the year.

Twice he fought in this Colony and on both occasions, to return to an old controversy, the referee did not err on his side of the argument. He now writes from America stating that after having a few months rest he took his first chance at Wilmington, near Los Angeles, against an American Navy champion. He was in good condition and neither he nor the spectators could see at the conclusion how the referee could do other than give him the decision. It went the other way and there was some commotion.

He encloses a cutting from the local newspaper, which, after adorning the article with a large double column heading in this wise, "HOW FANS JEER RANK DECISION THAT GIVES KING WIN FROM DUPRE," goes on to say:

"Andre Dupre, French veteran of more than 350 bouts, carved himself a niche of esteem and affection in the hearts of thousands of fight followers last night at the Wilmington Bowl when he handed out a most impressive whipping to Ritchie King, 135 pound champion of the Navy. The agile Dupre proved himself to be a great fighter as well as one of the most crafty ring-masters in the game, and dealt out such a storm of punishment that the Navy champion appeared as a novice in his hands. But strangely enough, while Dupre scored two knock-downs which had King on the verge of a knockout in two separate rounds, and while Dupre clearly won eight of the ten rounds, the referee gave the decision to King.

DECISION IS UNJUST.

"The decision was superlatively bad and unjust, wrong from any angle in which it might be considered. It was a half-faced parody of the art of refereeing. The crowd, which normally would have favoured King on account of his being a 'home boy' and a sterling game fighter, was unanimous in its expression of disapproval and disgust.

"The crowd, amazed and angry even directed a storm of catcalls at King. That was wrong and uncalled for, inasmuch as King had done his best and could not be blamed for the action of the third man in the ring, but as King departed for his dressing room the inherent sportsmanship which is in the hearts of all real Americans came into play, and the thousands of fight fans cheered and cheered for Dupre. That chased the gloom from the unmarked face of Dupre, who had stood as a man stunned when he saw King's hand raised.

"That decision, however, can in no way be laid at the door of the club management, the officials of which are real sportsmen who know their business and give the public a run for its money. The fault rests solely on the shoulders of the boxing commission, which appoints referees and assigns them to their respective fight clubs. A change in this case should be made at once.

FIGHT IS CLASSIC.

"The fight itself was a classic, as a demonstration of the art of hit,

block, jab and get away. King rushed savagely in the first round, but Dupre stabbed him off with a lightning-like left. The blow at that stage of the game did not have much steam behind it, but it was followed by a succession of other carefully timed jabs which had King continually off balance. Dupre slipped or blocked nearly all of King's blows. Dupre piled up his lead on into the third, when he really went to work. King was still rushing savagely when Dupre uncorked his first right cross. It smacked King on the button and he fell in a heap. He was nearly out when he arose but managed to last the round. Then, to make it certain it had not been an accident Dupre uncorked a left hook in the fourth which knocked King onto his back in Dupre's corner. He again had difficulty in lasting the round.

"It appeared that Dupre was 'carrying' King in those two rounds. In the fifth, by persistent boring in, King had a shade, but he was outjabbed, outfought and outmaneuvered in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth. King made a furious finish in the tenth and landed some savage blows but Dupre speeded up and although he lost the round, was unmarked at the final bell."

Dupre closes his letter with a reference to the decisions in Hongkong, remarking on the extraordinary run of bad luck he is getting.

Dupre had fixed up a return fight with King to take place three days after the time of writing. He hopes to thoroughly convince the official in charge on that occasion.

ARMY TEAM V. NAVY.

The annual charity match in aid of naval and military charities, between the Army and the Navy is to be played at Sookun-poo on Friday, New Year's Day. The kick-off is at four o'clock and the band of the Hawks will play before the match and during the interval. The Army team has been selected as follows:

Anderson (East Surreys); Cooper and Jordan (East Surreys); McGreevey (Surreys); Sim (R.A.M.C.); Bristow (Surreys); Charlesworth (Surreys); Pulford (R.A.); Humberstone (Surreys); Butler (Surreys) and Markleworth (Surreys). Linesman L/C Phillips; and reserves: Mitchell (Surreys) and McBride (R.C. of S.).

Kowloon Football Club are playing a Married v. Single match on New Year's Morning.

DEMPSEY POSTS A BIG GUARANTEE. A United Press message from Los Angeles, dated December 22nd, states that Jack Dempsey decided to "silence his critics once and forever" by posting \$225,000 in bonds and cash in a local bank, as guarantee that he would engage in a championship fight "at some point near Chicago in September 1926."

The middle western promoter, Floyd Fitzsimmons, agreed to post a similar sum to guarantee Dempsey's appearance at that time and locality to defend his title. It was only two months ago that the vast sums were "posted" in Chicago banks as guarantee that Dempsey would meet Willis in Michigan City, Indiana, but the announcement was greeted with considerable skepticism.

In New York and among eastern promoters, Dempsey's dealings with Fitzsimmons and western promoters, are regarded as manoeuvres designed to bring the former, particularly Tex Rickard, around to terms. Therefore, neither the half-million "poster" in Chicago, nor the half-million they have just agreed to post, are causing eastern promoters much worry.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

A. RICHARDSON'S GOOD SCORING.

Adelaide, Dec. 29. The match between South Australia and New Zealand, played here, was drawn. The scores were:

South Australia, 351 and 293 for five wickets (declared).

New Zealand, 339 and 192 for seven wickets.

In South Australia's first innings, A. Richardson made 77, and Alexander (an eighteen-year-old University player) 130. In South Australia's second knock, A. Richardson was again a big contributor, making 104.

For New Zealand, Lowry made 123. A. Richardson was successful in the bowling, taking four wickets for 41 runs.—*Router*.

DUMPED TOBACCO.

\$2,000 WORTH CONFISCATED.

A few days ago, fifty-seven bales of raw tobacco valued at over \$2,000 were dumped at Yau-mat breakwater, with the intention of avoiding payment of duty, and, as a result, Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, made an application for forfeiture at the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindell.

He explained that as a result of information received, the tobacco was seized on Monday afternoon, at Yau-mat breakwater, outside a wharf. It had apparently been brought in by a big salt-smuggling junk, and transferred to another junk. Their information was that endeavours were made to sell the tobacco in Hongkong without paying duty. It was, of course, imported without any statement being made by the importing junk, and no removal permit was obtained to transfer it to the small harbour lighter on which it was found. He asked Mr. Lindell to make a confiscation order.

Revenue Officer H. V. Pearce stated that the people on the junk told him a big junk came alongside on the evening of December 27th, and put the tobacco on board. The tobacco was found on a small harbour lighter, but he had not been able to trace the other junk.

Mr. Lloyd, in the witness box, said a man came to him yesterday, and said he was a travelling trader, and had arrived at Hongkong by a Mueno steamer on the previous night. He did not actually claim the tobacco, but said he was authorised to try and sell it for another person. Witness told him he would have to attend the Court and make an application, but he had not appeared. From what they could learn, the tobacco had been in the Colony for some days before they received their information.

The application was granted, the confiscation order being made.

OUR TELEPHONE CALLS.

SUBJECT OF BIRTH IN LONDON.

"According to the *China Express* (London), a 'smart' correspondent in Hongkong writes that the telephone company here 'has found it necessary to notify that Chinese subscribers who flit over the wires with the telephone girls more than three times will have their numbers cancelled.'"

This "bit-bit," it appears, has led to some unpleasant publicity in the Home papers at Hongkong's expense. The *Daily Express* specially commissioned one of its men to get the views of a London telephone girl on the subject of flirtations over the wires, a la Hongkong, and the *Observer* describes the matter as "a ripple in China's sea of troubles."

It suggests a situation so absurd that it offers Gilbertian possibilities, and one can hardly wonder at the fun which the English newspapers are making of the alleged notification.

But we should like to know who the "smart" correspondent is.

COMMUNIST METHODS.

INSULTING LEAFLET TO BRITISH ARMY.

London, Dec. 29.

The Army Council has circulated all Officers Commanding both at Home and abroad, attaching a copy of a Communist leaflet distributed to troops throughout Britain, which it characterises as an insult to the moral character, loyalty and intelligence of the army. It requests that the letter be communicated to all troops.—*Router*.

BRITAIN & ITALY.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

Rapallo, Dec. 29.

Importance is attached to a meeting between Sir Austin Chamberlain, who is holidaying here, and Signor Mussolini, who broke his journey to Rome. Sir Austin Chamberlain gave a dinner in honour of the Premier, with whom he is believed to have discussed international events.—*Router*.

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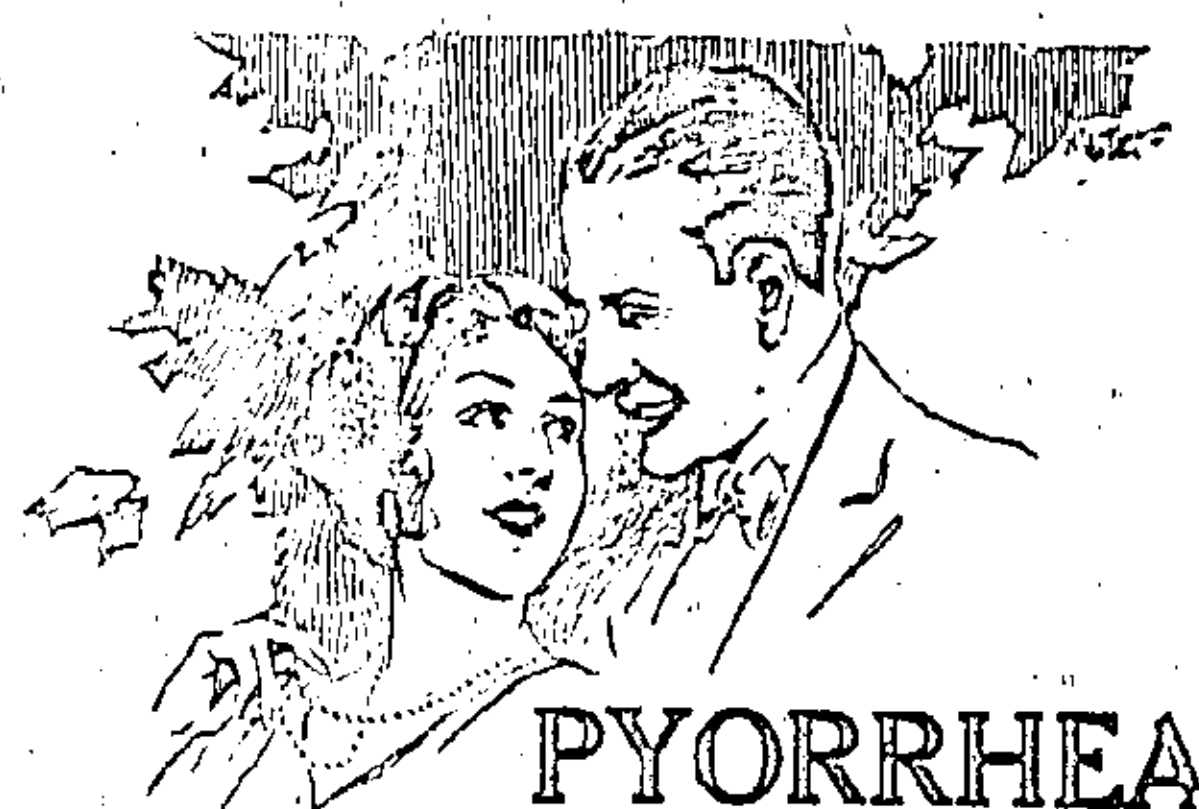
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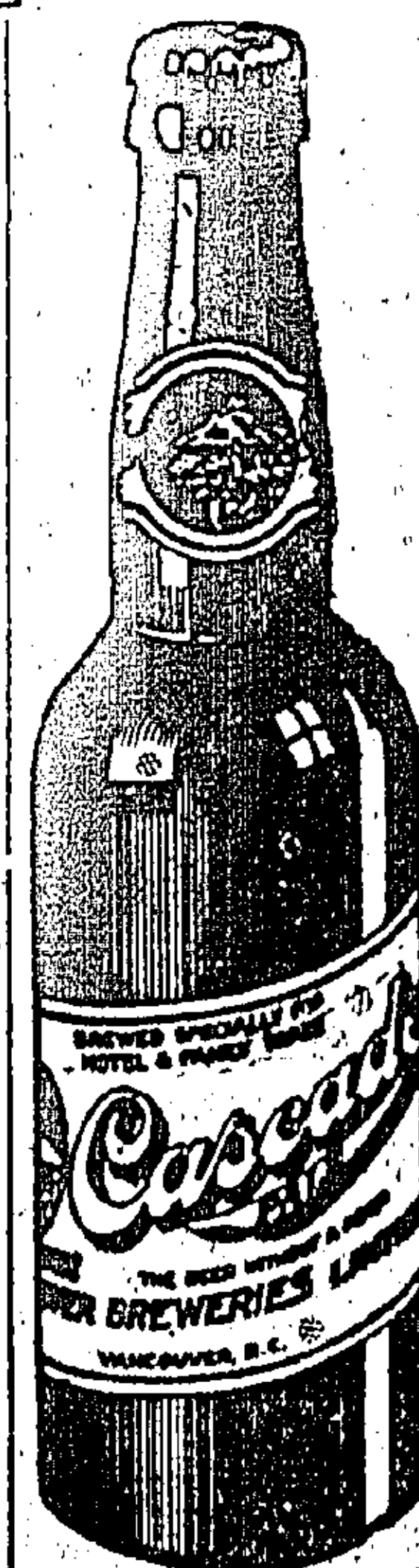
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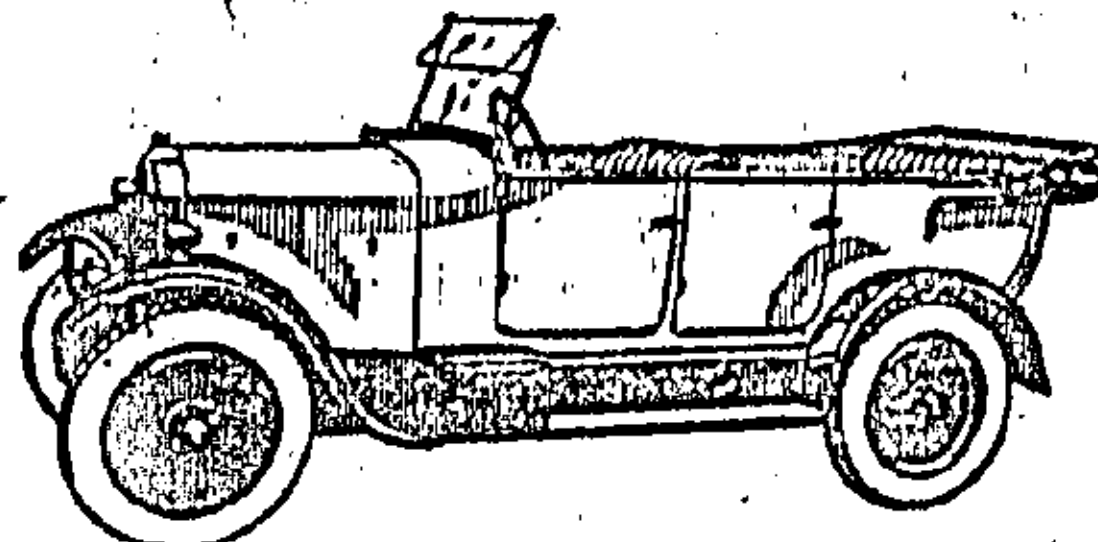


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MURDER TRIAL.

PRISONER'S STORY.

The case for the prosecution closed yesterday. In the trial of Shing Wai-tat, charged before the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions, with the murder of an Indian constable at Ngau Shi-wan on the 8th July last.

Prisoner's Story.

Prisoner was called by Mr. Zeitlyn. He said he was a fisherman. He had been to Wong Kong Tau and returned to Ngau Shi Wan for the fifth moon festival, and made arrangements to return to Wong Kong Tau. He was to receive a letter telling him when to go back.

He was in the habit of selling his fish to the Kwai Kee at Kowloon City. He produced a receipt for fish he had sold there on July 4, July 7, July 8 and 10. On July 13 he got a letter from Wong Kong Tau telling him to return and he went back the same day. The letter he had lost, but he produced the envelope in which it was received. On getting back to Wong Kong Tau he went to the house of Li Tsoi-cheung and stayed there until July 23, when work on the graves was begun. Work finished on August 5 and then he went elsewhere to make a grave for Li Tsoi-cheung. During the building of the grave he went back for lime and was told by Li Tsoi-cheung that he must go to Hongkong for the sale of his houses and for bargain money.

His Wife's Visit.

He went back to complete the grave. Later his wife and son visited him on September 30. His wife told him that the woman Li Tai was at Shum Chun to see him about the sale of his houses. The sum mentioned was \$3,500. He agreed to sell them and to go to Shum Chun to see about them. He knew he had to go to Hongkong to sign his name before they could be sold.

His wife also told him that there was a reward offered for the arrest of a man of his name and his son said he had seen the notice. Witness said there could be no such thing. In reply to counsel witness said the first time he heard about the constable being shot was on August 16, when Li Tsoi-cheung told him.

Getting Permits.

He went to Shum Chun and saw Li Tai. He waited there several days while permits were obtained for them to cross the border. It cost \$10 for a permit for a man, and his wife gave Li Tai \$20 and she got them. On no occasion did he say to Li Tai that he had committed a crime and was afraid to go into British territory.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Had you anything at all to do with the shooting of the policeman?—No, I had nothing to do with it.

His Arrest.

In October they proceeded to British Territory, four soldiers accompanying them to the border and they went over the bridge at Lo Wu. When he got over into British Territory Li Tai called the constable up. She pointed to him and they seized and beat him and later he was arrested.

Asked why he made a statement to the Police in which he said a man promised him \$100 to shoot the constable and \$50 to run away, he said he was very confused at that time. He had been beaten, his wife was detained and his son had been arrested.

Cross-examined by the Attorney General as to the sale of his houses, he said he did not intend to return to Ping Shek where he had lived. He sold the houses because he owed a lot of money and he wanted to find a cheaper place to live.

At this stage the case was adjourned until this morning.

CHINA'S CABINET.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Shanghai, Dec. 29. After consulting with General Tuan Chi-jui, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, the Prime Minister has appointed the following members of the Cabinet: Home Affairs, Tang Chi; Agriculture, Yue Yau-yun; Education, Yik Moy-ki; Justice, Ma Kwan-mo; Foreign Affairs, C. T. Wang; Finance, Chin Kin-to; War, Ka Tek-yow; Communications, Kung Sum-cham.

The mandate appointing the members of the Cabinet will be promulgated at the same time as that for the convention of the provincial autonomy conference.

—Yeh Kiu Yat Po.

HENDON AERODROME.

PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT FROM GRAHAME WHITE.

Chain of Home Defence Stations.

London, Dec. 29.

The Government has purchased the well-known aerodrome and other extensive property at Hendon, including the London Country Club, from Mr. Grahame White, for £800,000, after long negotiations arising from complicated aviation transactions during the war. The aerodrome will be utilised as one in a chain of home defence stations.—*Reuter*.

DOLLAR LINE CHANGE.

MR. W. S. FIELD PROCEEDING ON HOME LEAVE.

A Popular Official.

It is announced that Mr. W. S. Field, General Passenger Agent of the Admiral Oriental and Dollar S. S. Lines in Hongkong, will proceed on home leave by s.s. President Wilson, due to sail from Hongkong on January 2.

Mr. Field who served during the war with Princess Pat's, has held his present post for the past four and a half years, during which time he has proved himself a courteous and popular official. It is pleasing to record that there is every possibility of Mr. Field returning to the East on the conclusion of his leave, which will be spent in Canada and the United States and will also include a European tour.

Mr. Harrell, until recently in the Shanghai Office of the Dollar Line, succeeds Mr. Field in the local office, he having arrived here a few days ago by s.s. President Wilson.

FRENCH POLITICS.

PREMIER'S DETERMINATION.

Paris, Dec. 29.

There is a prospect of M. Briand remodelling the Cabinet if his colleagues refuse to follow him in the adoption of M. Doumer's financial proposals at to-day's important Cabinet meeting. The Premier in a statement last night said that he will refuse to quit his post or let himself be overthrown by lobby intrigues. Any ministers who decided to resign, will be replaced within twenty-four hours. He added: "This is not the time for a Ministerial crisis, but for work."—*Reuter*.

All-Night Sitings.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The Chamber has begun what are expected to be a series of all-night sittings for the purpose of rushing the passage of the Budget before the close of the year. The discussion on the estimates of expenditure was opened yesterday and was still continuing at six o'clock this morning.—*Reuter*.

Crisis Averted?

Paris, Dec. 29.

The threatened political crisis over the Finance Minister, M. Doumer's new taxation proposals now seems likely to be averted as the result of the firm attitude of M. Briand declaring that any ministers resigning will be immediately replaced. According to the newspapers a basis of agreement, among members of the Cabinet is being arranged whereby the proposed tax on business turnovers will be replaced by a stamp tax on all sales, while economies of three hundred million francs will be effected and a similar amount secured by stricter control of the assessment declaration, which will allow a proportionate reduction on the suggested increased taxation.—*Reuter*.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. 2ND XI v. KOWLOON C. C. 2ND XI.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in the above match, to be played at Kowloon on Saturday, 2nd January, commencing at 10.30 a.m.: W. W. Mackenzie (Capt.), C. L. R. Becher, H. C. Burgess, H. Griffin, J. Hall, A. K. Mackenzie, D. E. G. Nicholson, H. V. Parker, H. J. Stevenson, G. R. Vallack, M. M. Watson.

GIGANTIC BANKING AMALGAMATION.

RESOURCES EXCEEDING A MILLIARD DOLLARS.

Wall Street Report.

New York, Dec. 29.

It is reported in Wall Street that a gigantic banking amalgamation is imminent, embracing several of the largest banks, with combined resources exceeding a milliard dollars. Mr. McHugh, President of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, admitted that negotiations are progressing with the Chase National Bank for amalgamation, with total resources of nine hundred million dollars. Another combination forecast would include Mechanics and Metals National Bank, Chatham and Phoenix National Bank, National Park Bank, Chemical National Bank and possibly the Central Union Trust Company, uniting total resources of 1,303,000,000 dollars.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SANITARY BOARD.

MACAO FISH FOR THE NEW STORE.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon. Those present were Mr. N. L. Smith (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C., Dr. W. W. Pearce (M. O. H.), Dr. J. C. Macgown, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. S. W. Tso, and Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, the Secretary. Mr. Davies, the Assistant Secretary was also present.

Regarding a minute of the President on the subject of a petition from representatives of the fish market stallholders, Mr. Alabaster asked if there were any idea that the fish for the new shop would come from Macao.

The Chairman: That is part of the scheme. At present it comes very largely from Macao. This man controls the ice business at Macao, and also has a very large interest in the fresh fish business, which largely comes to Hongkong, and he proposed to combine these two. The motion was passed.

Regarding an application for an offensive trade licence for pig roasting at No. 171 Reclamation street, ground floor, on Kowloon Island Lot No. 1143, Section B, the Chairman said the Standing Committee recommended the refusal of the licence. He proposed it should be refused, and Mr. Tso seconding, it was carried.

The remainder of the business was private.

CITY OF BARODA.

STRIKES A REEF.

News has reached Hongkong that the City of Baroda, which recently left Hongkong with a number of Army officers and their families on board, struck a reef somewhere in the neighbourhood of Borneo. It is understood that she is able to proceed to Singapore without assistance.

INDIAN POLITICS.

Cawnpore, Dec. 29.

It is announced that Lalaji Patil will probably become deputy leader of the Swarajist party assembly in succession to Kelkar.—*Reuter*.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



People who are eager to wed are often just honey-moonstruck.

MODERN MARRIAGE PHILOSOPHY.

VIEWS OF FAMOUS THINKERS.

When Mr. Bernard Shaw was asked to contribute to "The Book of Marriage" which Count Keyserling, head of the School of Wisdom at Darmstadt, and author of "The Travel Diary of a Philosopher," has just given to the world (published by Nela Campmann, Celle) he sent this message in reply:—

"No man dare write the truth about marriage while his wife lives. Unless, that is, he hates her, like Strindberg, and I don't. I shall read the volume with interest, knowing that it will consist chiefly of evasion, but I will not contribute to it."

With this intimation Count Keyserling ushers in a distinguished company of professors of ethnography and psychiatry, doctors of medicine and letters, of both sexes, whom he asked to help him to compile a "symphony of marriage," illuminating all the spiritual aspects, and those only, of man and woman in their legalised relation to one another as creatures of different sex, not merely as the mothers and fathers of the next generation.

The result is a book of real importance. A mystic and a visionary, Count Keyserling desires to help mankind to solve the problem of why marriage is so difficult an undertaking.

The Henpecked.

The newest and most intriguing aspects of the problem are those presented by Dr. Kretschmer, Professor of Psychiatry at Tubingen. Under the heading "The Body in Relation to the Soul in Marriage" he discusses marriage according to type, and gives concrete examples of well and ill-matched pairs well on in married life, a hundred in number, whom he has studied with exhaustive thoroughness. Of this hundred he found that only thirteen were a justification of the popular superstition that men and women grow alike, even in extremes, after many years of living together. Sixty-three were still the extremes in temperament and appearance they had always been, while the other twenty-four were "indifferent" offering no striking signs of having reacted either way.

It is the short, plump, active, serenely-balanced, cheerful pair who grow to look alike, it seems—probably, one imagines, as stoutness increases. But as two very lively people do not attract one another, this cheerful type seldom finds the proper mate.

Only eight men of the hundred were of the domestic tyrant or "Sheik" type, which, the Professor assures us, when not due to nervous disturbance, is out of date. Four of these had wives who possessed humour and managed them; the other four had reduced their wives to pale, resentful, depressed shadows. On the other hand that popular couple of the comic papers, the hen-pecked husband and his Xantippe partner, were only once represented among the hundred.

Two Fidelities.

The individual themes were inspired by the Count according to the qualifications of his helpers. But after reading the Leyden professor, Nieuwenhuis, on the development of marriage as a social institution, Rabindranath Tagore on Indian marriage ideals, Havelock Ellis on "Love as an Art," Mrs. Beatrice Hinkle, the American specialist on feminine psychology, on "Marriage in the New World," Professor Dahlke, the great authority on Buddhism, on "Marriage Viewed as Shackles," and Jung and Adler on marriage, and of all nationalities general psychological aspects of the married state, one finds age-old type the wisest in his choice. He sees marriage as a masculine profecting theories still warring with blom only. Woman, he thinks, alone, to find a theory of Count Keyserling himself on "Putting the Problem Properly" coinciding in principle with a view held by Princess Medhild Michowsky, one of the most brilliant women writing in Germany to-day on "Marriage as a Work of Art," gives food for thought.

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TREASURE ISLE.

AMERICAN EXPEDITION TO COCOS ISLAND.

Notwithstanding many failures, one more expedition is to endeavour to unearth the romantic secret of Cocos Island and recover the \$70,000,000 treasure known to be buried there.

The leader of this new expedition to this tiny Pacific island will be Lieutenant F. W. Kealey, the organizer of the recent Pacific scientific expedition in the steam yacht St. George.

He will adopt novel methods, will use the latest scientific devices, and will draw on the most recent scientific discoveries, in this way he hopes to succeed where others have been defeated.

There are said to be at least three pirate hoards in Cocos, which is 600 miles west of Panama. These treasures are made up of coins, bars of silver and gold, church plate, and various gems of vast value.

Scientifically Equipped.

"My party will consist of eight picked men," Lieutenant Kealey said in an interview. "The scientific side of the expedition will be directed by L. A. M. Riley, a well-known botanist. We shall sail for Cocos just after Christmas, and expect to arrive there sometime in January. I intend to make a prolonged stay—about six months.

"Nothing is known scientifically about the island. Parties have landed there, but the island is covered with thick jungle which has never been explored. We hope to make valuable scientific discoveries, and we shall specially look out for new types of flora.

"I shall be in charge of the treasure hunt. Cocos is a real treasure island, and many people have tried to find the hoards that lie hidden there, but have failed. I have my own views why they failed. I shall adopt novel methods.

"The latest scientific appliances will be used in the search, and I shall draw on the most recent discoveries to science. What methods I shall use I cannot reveal. Nevertheless I am confident that I shall find the treasure.

"My party will make a camp actually on the island. We shall have a difficult task, but I am confident that we shall succeed in all our objects."

Claimed to be the largest caught in England for 14 years, a pike weighing 34½ lb. has been secured in Frensham Pond, Surrey, by Mr. L. Kashnor, of Walton-on-Thames. The pike measured four feet in length. In 1911 Major W. H. Booth killed a pike of 37½ lb. in the Wyre. Another of 37½ lb. was reported from a reservoir near Loughborough in 1915, but (writes a correspondent) this was rather a doubtful record. Larger pike have been caught in Ireland, including the record fish for the British Isles, a 53½ lb. pike caught on Lough Conn in 1920 by Mr. John Garvin.

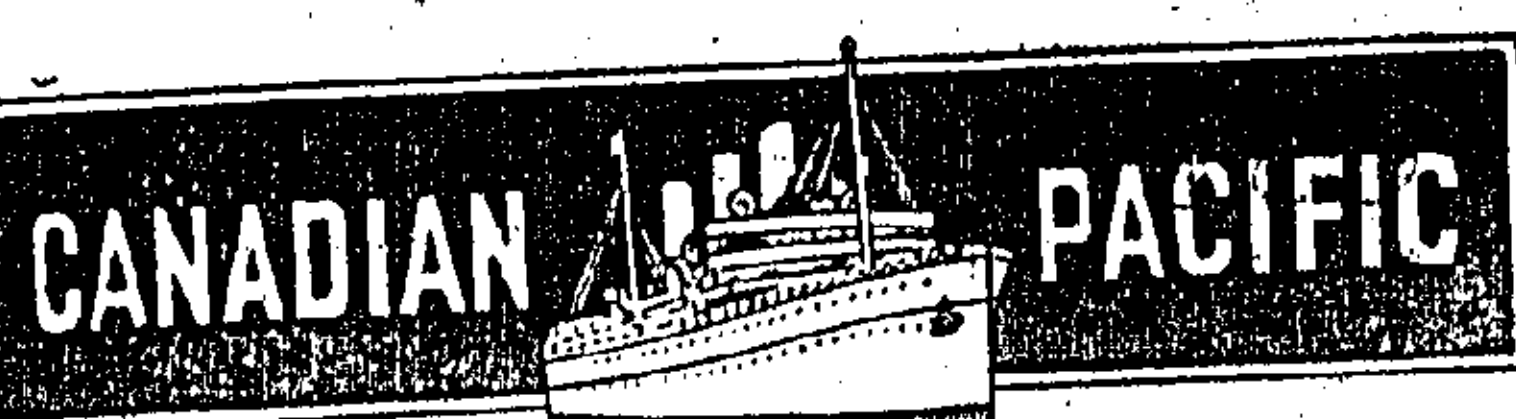
their surroundings see and hear," says the Princess, and advocates a certain amount of reserve as regards private thoughts and actions towards one another. Uncertainty enhances the charm of life. Her basis of the perfect home life is perfect politeness.

Woman's "Common Sense."

Count Keyserling is easily the most provocative writer of the twenty-four. He considers the non-intellectual aristocrat who only seeks a life-partner of his own standing the most easily satisfied in marriage, and of all nationalities on earth the Englishman of this type the wisest in his choice. He sees marriage as a masculine profecting theories still warring with blom only. Woman, he thinks, alone, to find a theory of Count Keyserling himself on "Putting the Problem Properly" coinciding in principle with a view held by Princess Medhild Michowsky, one of the most brilliant women writing in Germany to-day on "Marriage as a Work of Art," gives food for thought.

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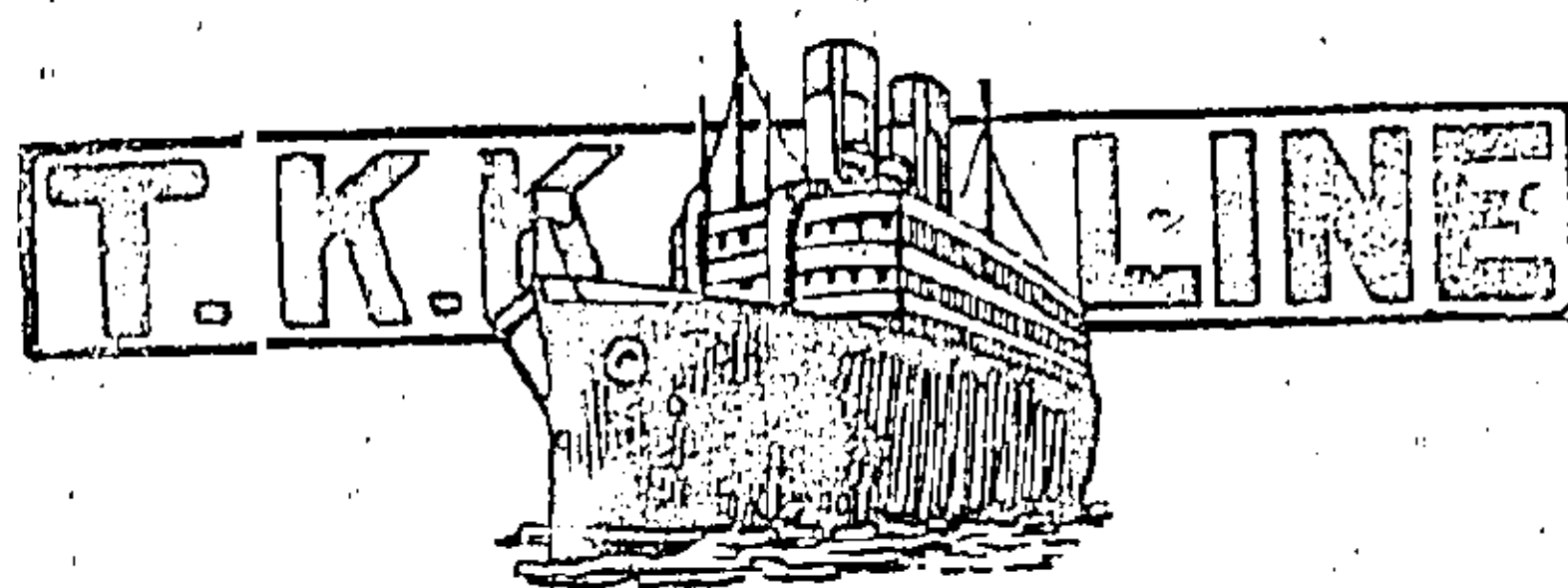
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TSINGTAU via Shanghai	Kwongsang	Wed. 30th Dec. at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Fausang	Thurs. 31st Dec. at noon.
TIENSIN via Chofoo	Chipshing	Fri. 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
KOBE via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji	Fooksang	Sat. 2nd Jan. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Lalsang	Mon. 4th Jan. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Mingsang	Wed. 6th Jan. at noon.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Suisang	Sat. 9th Jan. at 3 p.m.
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Considerable anxiety was felt yesterday afternoon when the s.s. Lungshan from Canton failed to arrive on time and up to dusk had not been sighted. She finally berthed shortly after 6 p.m. and reported having been aground, which fact was responsible for three hours delay.

Leaving Canton at 8 a.m. yesterday at low water, she grounded on the bar at Tai-shak at 8.45 and was unable to float off until noon, when the rising tide lifted her clear without ascertainable damage. Owing to heavy weather at Canton on Monday, few passengers ventured off to the ship in sampans. The total number making the trip down was 163, considerably less than the daily list since the inauguration of strike settlement proceedings.

FANLING HOUNDS.

NEW YEAR'S MEETS.

On New Year's Day a paper chase will be held. The meet will be at Mr. Potts' Bungalow at 3 p.m. and the paper chase will start at 3.30.

On Sunday, 3rd January, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard, the Hounds will meet at their Fanling residence "Annandale" at 10.30.

THE NORTHERN WAR.

Tokyo, Dec. 29: Japanese press messages from Mukden and Dairen report that the anti-Japanese sentiments are increasing owing to Japan's refusal to hand over Kuo's men who are refusing in the Consulate at Hsinminfu, but it is understood that the Government, on humanitarian grounds, is determined to render all possible protection as they are only political refugees.—*Reuter.*

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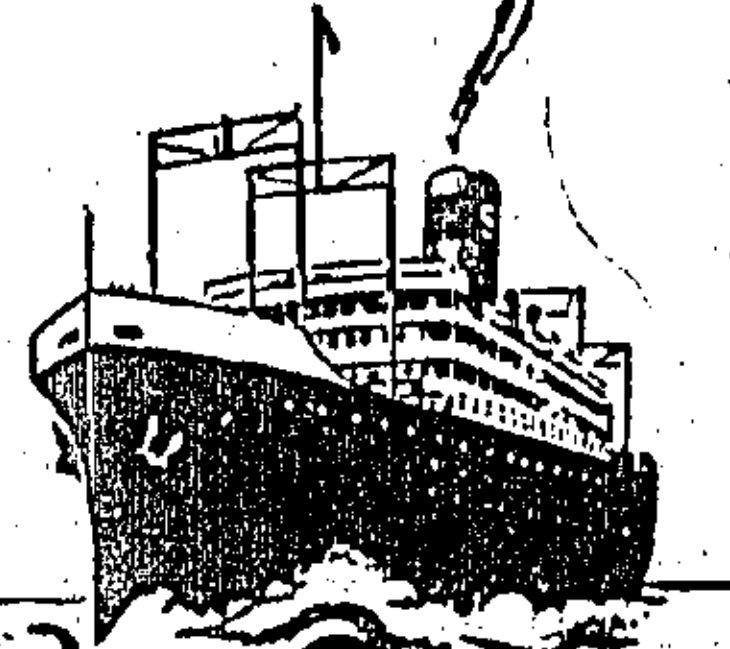
London, Dec. 29. The *Daily Mail*, pointing out the need of a strong man in China, says it is something in Chang Tse-lin's favour that the Bolsheviks exerted all their influence against him and were openly counting upon his complete defeat, whereafter they intended to seize Mukden.

Fortunately for civilisation they reckoned without the Japanese. Why the Chinese should fight among themselves for the special benefit of their Bolshevik enemies was difficult to understand.—*Reuter.*

When Driver A. F. Johnson, Royal Artillery, saw a pair of horses attached to an Army wagon galloping through High-street, Aldershot, he threw himself at their heads. As he hung on to them they mounted the pavement and were brought to a standstill. As one of the horses fell, Johnson seized a little child who was in danger of being crushed and pushed it through a doorway into safety. In Aldershot orders the G.O.C.-in-Chief, General Sir Philip Chetwode, commends this gallantry, and directs an entry of it to be made in Johnson's conduct sheets.

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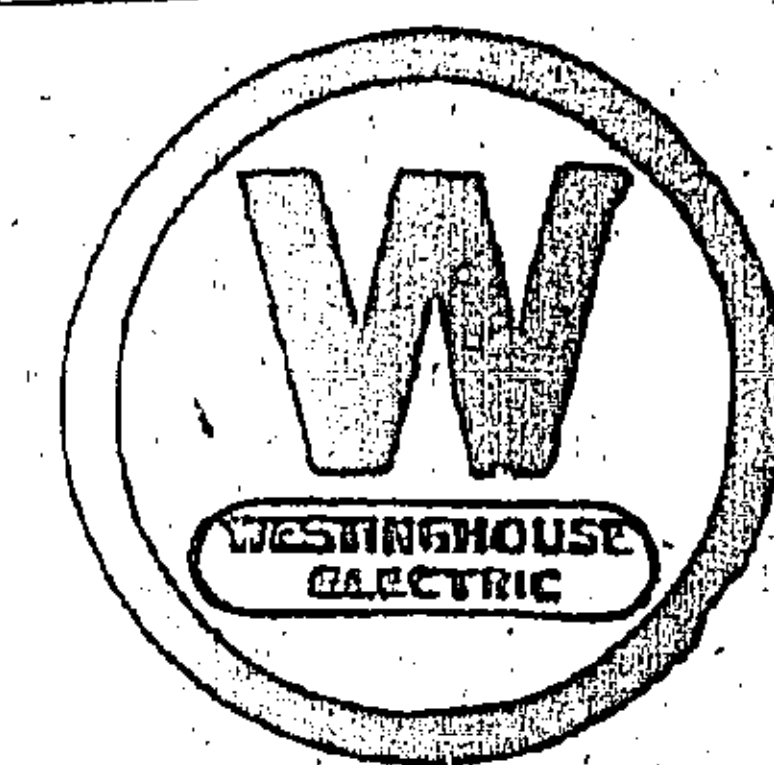
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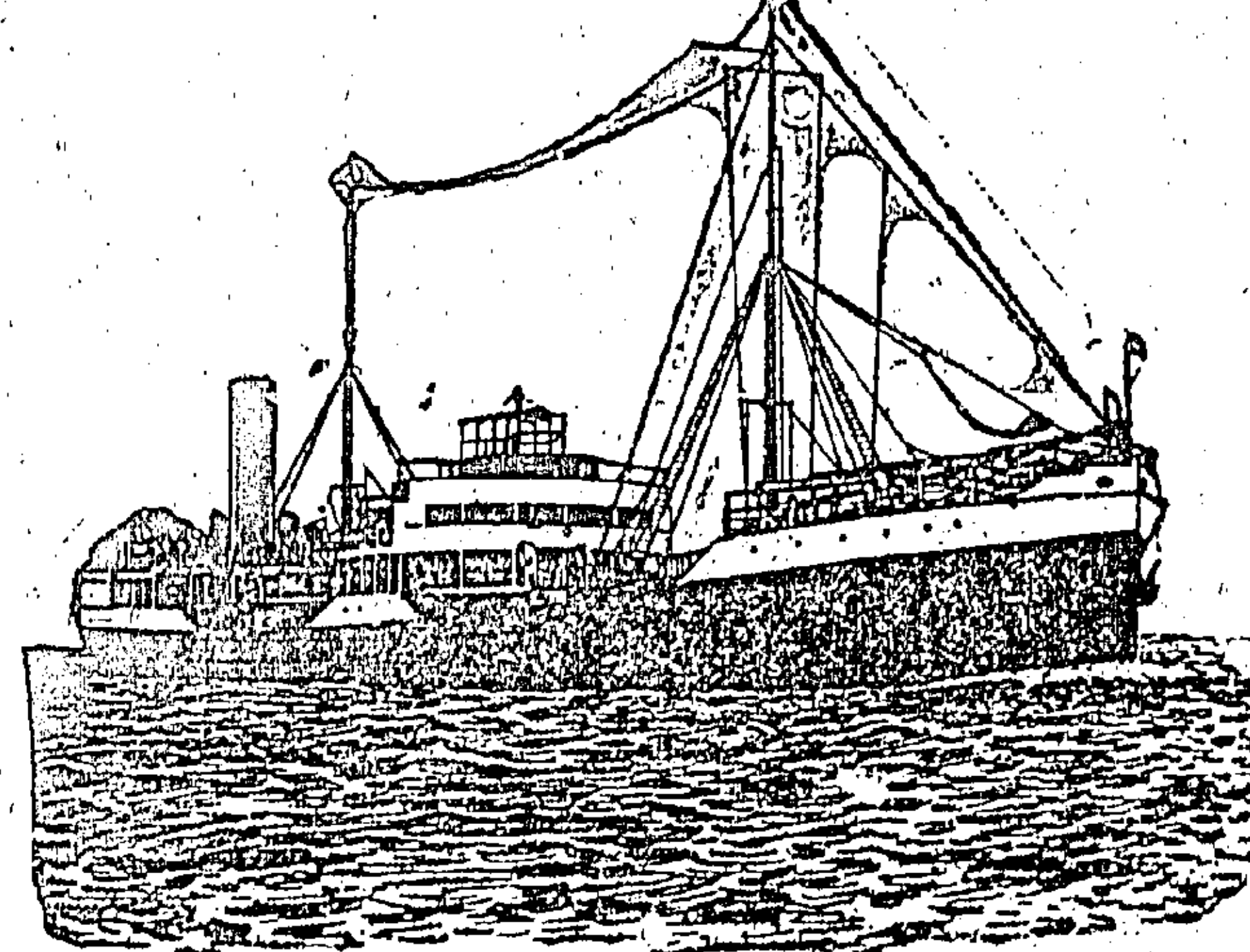
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LAHORE	5,252	24th Jan.	S'pore, Pang & B'bay
ALIPORE	5,273	1st Feb.	Singapore & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KARMALA	9,128	20th Feb.	M's, London & Antwerp
MANTAI	10,902	6th March	Marseilles & London
KASHAJR	8,965	13th March	M's, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	8,136	20th March	M's, L'don & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,157	17th April	M's, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M's, L'don & Antwerp
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DELTA	8,097	9th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe & Yoko
SANTHIA	8,500	13th Jan.	S'hai & Kobe

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INWARD MAILS.		
From	Per	Due
Manila	Pres. Wilson	January 1.
Japan	Kamo Maru	January 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	January 2.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	January 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	January 4.
Japan	Arafura	January 4.
Shanghai	Amboise	January 5.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	January 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Lincoln	January 7.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	January 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.		
For	Per	Date.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Wed., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Hongkong and Haiphong	Fausang	Thurs., Dec. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Tjikurung	Thurs., Dec. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon and Bangkok	Sekikow Maru	Thurs., Dec. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Pheum Penh	Thurs., Dec. 31, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Chenan	Thurs., Dec. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Pook Sang	Fri., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kamo Maru	Sat., January 2, 8.45 a.m.
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	8.50 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 31st January, 1926.)	

OUTWARD MAILS.		
For	Per	Date.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, U.S.A. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Pres. Wilson	Sat., Jan. 2, Noon.
	Parcels	Noon.
	Registration	Noon.
	Letters	Noon.
	(Due Francisco, 27th Jan., 1926.)	
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Sat., Jan. 2, Noon.
Hongkong	Kiangchow	Sat., Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., January 3, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., U.S.A. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Pres. Jefferson	Mon., Jan. 4, Noon.
	*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.	

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THE MALAY JUNGLE.

SOME EXTRAORDINARY STORIES.

Extraordinary stories of the Malay jungle were told by Mr. Carveth Wells on Nov. 10 during a lecture at the Central Y.M.C.A. Hall. Mr. Wells has just returned to London, after being surveyor for the British railroad, which now runs through the jungle.

Mr. Wells admitted that many of the facts in connection with the jungle were so remarkable as to cause incredulity. Darwin, who visited the jungle, called it "Topsy Turvy Land," but it is the first time that a full account has been brought to London.

"Nature," said Mr. Wells, "seems to have been completely upset by the absence of any marked seasons. You will find birds nesting in one tree, and the same kind of bird moulting in another. You may have a tree in your garden with fruit on it while your neighbour has the same kind of tree blossoming. One of the Malay birds, a small parakeet, called the Serindit, sleeps upside down. Another bird, the Bustard Quail, is peculiar because the female is larger than the male. She lays the eggs, but he sits on them, and during the mating season the females do the fighting for the males.

"The jungle is still the home of tigers, panthers, elephants, rhinoceroses, and snakes 30 ft. long. Butterflies are over a foot wide.

"The most coveted fruit of the Malay jungle is the durian. Sometimes whole villages fight and slay one another over the possession of the fruit of a single tree. A durian tastes to me like a mixture of sweet custard, turpentine, and rotten onions.

"The most amazing animal is the native fish which is seldom seen in the water. I saw one come out of a hole in the ground; hop, skip, jump, and walk up to a tree, climb up, and deliberately wink its eyes at me. The fish seem to feel the heat, because one can see them walk down from the trees and walk to the pools, where they will take shower baths. This fish has been named by scientists the "periophthalmus," or Funny Fish.

"Crabs eat coconuts, fish eat coral, and rats live in the tops of tall trees. There seems to be the largest and smallest of everything. There is the biggest insect in the world—13 in. long—and the smallest mammal in the world, which weighs less than an ounce.

Mr. Wells showed slides of all the animals and conditions he described. He also demonstrated how the natives make their fire by compressing air to such a degree of heat in a little bone cylinder that a spark is produced.

SHANGHAI ACQUISITIONS.

FIRE FLOATS ORDERED.

It has been decided by the Shanghai Municipal Council to purchase from the British Admiralty two motor launches, with a full range of spare parts, at a total cost of Tls. 1,787.50, to be fitted up as fire floats. These vessels were purchased by the Admiralty in 1917 and 1918, as part of an order for some hundreds, at £30,000 each. The length is 80 feet, beam 13 feet, draft 5 feet and height above water line 5 feet, and the construction is sound throughout. The engines in each are two "Standard" 220 h.p., using a mixture of kerosene and gasoline, and there is also a 35-40 h.p. electric generator, lighting set, and compressor for easy starting. The space on board is ample for gear and crew's quarters, and there is also plenty of room for installing pumps.

In every respect the boats are considered to be admirably adapted for conversion into fire floats and capable of long and efficient service. The estimated cost of the pumps and necessary fittings is from Tls. 5,000 to Tls. 6,000 each, so that the total expenditure will be only a fraction of the original cost of the vessels. Moreover, it is estimated that new boats specially bought and fitted up as fire floats would cost not less than Tls. 120,000 each.

The small motor boat recently purchased will be sold at cost price, and the two small pumps which were also purchased will be utilised on land equipment.

OFFICERS' "RAG."

LIEUTENANT'S FATAL FALL.

The story of a "rag" which ended in tragedy at the Royal Marine Officers' Mess, Chatham, was told at an inquest at the Royal Naval Barracks recently on Submarine Lieut. Donald Charles Deacon, 24, of Brighton.

Lieut. Lionel Arthur Taylor said that he and Deacon attended the mess as guests. After dinner they played pool and had a sing-song.

About midnight there was a general scrap, in which the officers chased one another from room to room. Deacon, to avoid his pursuers, ran into a sub-way, from the balcony at the end of which he apparently overbalanced, and fell into the water on to some steps 30ft. below.

Surgeon-Lieut. Geoffrey Newmann and Lieut. Edward Ashley Brown agreed that the ragging was of a friendly nature.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

NEW ACROBATIC BUILDINGS.

PROFESSOR'S SARCASM.

Pleading for harmony in street design, Professor L. P. Abercrombie, A.R.I.B.A., in his presidential address at the general meeting of the Town Planning Institute in London, the other day, criticised severely the variation of design in the new buildings in Regent-street.

"We can watch any day in Regent-street," he said, "architects—some of the foremost in this country—performing a series of acrobatic tricks in stone, each attempting to outdo the other with an ingenuity and verve worthy of a better cause. No music-hall audience would tolerate an individualistic display of so many mutually destructive artists appearing simultaneously.

The architect (adds Professor Abercrombie) has not yet advanced beyond the stage of social development of the speculative builder of 40 years ago, who used to lay out his own building plot with sublime unconcern for that of his neighbour.

EASTER ISLAND FILM.

CATTLE BREEDER WHO FOUND PARADISE.

"Fairylands of the Southern Seas," the British film now at the Philharmonic Hall, is the record of the voyage of the steam yacht St. George, sent by the Scientific Expeditionary Research Association to the lesser known islands of the Pacific.

The expedition spent some time on remote Easter Island, where they found an Englishman from Birmingham engaged in cattle breeding. He went away, he explained, to be clear of politics.

The picture is a fascinating story of endless variety. Dragon-like Iguana lizards on the rocky shore of the Galapagos, pictures showing the capture of sharks and sword-fish, and the dances of the flower-wreathed Tahiti natives are sufficient in themselves to prove again the unrivalled ability of British cinematographers to make travel films of outstanding interest.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



Many a girl who has tried without avail to catch a husband might do better with a veil.

HELP FOR WAIFS.

WHERE WEST MEETS EAST.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Chief Justice William Howard Taft today joined the secretary of war, Dwight F. Davis and the secretary of commerce, Herbert Hoover, in endorsing the campaign to raise a \$2,000,000 endowment fund in the United States for the care and education of neglected and abandoned children of American blood in the Philippine Islands.

Chief Justice Taft in a letter to Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Johnston, formerly of Governor General Wood's staff in the Philippines, acting chairman of the Washington organization and campaign, declared that the endowment will be expended, is composed of fine American men and women who have devoted themselves to the care and education of these children. Chief Justice Taft added:

"Where the white and other races come in contact, particularly in the tropics, there is No-Man's-Land between them in which many children of mixed blood are born. Their lives are undirected, they are without Christian influence, and they are most liable to go astray. On the contrary when brought in tender years, under fine influence there are seeds of character sown capable of accepting Christianity and making fine men and women.

"Certainly it is not the fault of these children that they are so unfortunately placed. Therefore, there is all the more reason why they should be given some chance to make their lives worth while."—Associated Press.

AFTER THE BLUE TIGER.

EXPEDITION IN NORTH-CENTRAL CHINA.

Mr. Floyd Tangier Smith, accompanied by an expert Russian cinematograph operator and two Chinese taxidermists, has left for Foochow on a scientific expedition under the auspices of the China Society of Science and Arts, this being one of the most ambitious ventures yet attempted by that vigorous and rapidly-growing organization, reports a Shanghai paper. The primary intention is to collect zoological specimens by trapping and shooting, which will be sent to the China Society of Science and Arts and classified in co-operation with the Smithsonian Institute, and eventually they will help to make a nucleus for the museum which the society still is hopeful of some day establishing in Shanghai. Mr. Smith hopes also, by means of the cinematograph and cameras, to get an interesting pictorial story of the trip.

The expedition will be away about four months. Starting from Foochow, the Min River will be traversed almost to its source, with side excursions up various tributaries and occasionally leaving the river for trips into the mountains. This route will take the travellers right through the region said to be most favoured by the elusive blue tiger. Everyone in China has heard of this mysterious animal, but Mr. Smith says no hunter ever has succeeded in bagging one. "Ajax" is prepared to wager that, if there are blue tigers anywhere near his line of march, Shanghai will have at least one specimen.

AFTER GOAT-ANTELOPES. Mr. Smith has not definitely settled on his return route, but thinks it likely that he will decide to leave the Min River at the upper reaches, cross the mountain passes and get to the upper course of the Chientang River, returning down that waterway to Hangchow. If this plan is carried out, the party will make an excursion to the mountains of Chekiang, where it is known there are serow, or goat-antelope, and Mr. Smith hopes to secure some specimens and learn some more of the habits of these interesting but little known animals.

The cinematograph operator accompanying Mr. Smith is Mr. George T. Krainukov, whose services have been secured by special arrangement with the British-American Tobacco Co. He is a well-known expert with the camera and his work should assure the success of the moving pictures, which ought to be not the least interesting outcome of the expedition.

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